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DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS.

To-day.

(March 24.)
Trevessa Trophy (Bi-annual competition).
Lecture: "Progress Conditioned By Law and Commerce," by Father F. Byrne, S. J. Union Assembly Room, The University, 8.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Madame Satan."

World Theatre: "Great Success of Shylock Holmes" (Chinese film).
Star Theatre: "Exquisite Sinners."
Central Theatre: "The Love Doctor."
Europe & Mail—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Somali), 10.30 a.m.

Wednesday.

(March 23.)
Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary Day.
Cambridge Lent Term Ends.
Lammer's Auction of Household Furniture, Salesroom, 2.30 p.m.
Final of Sim Shield Hockey Competition, Club v. Navy, U.S.R.C. Ground, 4.45 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Madame Satan."
World Theatre: "Great Success of Shylock Holmes" (Chinese film).
Star Theatre: "The Exquisite Sinners."
Central Theatre: "The Cohens and Kellys in Africa."

Thursday.

(March 26.)
Legislative Council Meeting.
H.K. Development, Building and Savings Society (In Liquidation) general meeting at the Officers of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, 2.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Madame Satan."
World Theatre: "House of Terror" (Chinese film).
Star Theatre: "Swim Girl Swim."
Central Theatre: "The Cohens and Kellys in Africa."

Friday.

(March 27.)
Annual Meeting, H.K. Tennis Association, 5.30 p.m.
Annual Meeting, H.K. Lawn Bowls Association (Jardine's Boardroom), 5.30 p.m.
Engineers' and Shipbuilders' Institute Dinner, 8 p.m.
Ladies' Hockey: St. Andrew's v. Kowloon Ladies' Hockey Club.
Queen's Theatre: "Madame Satan."
World Theatre: "House of Terror" (Chinese film).
Star Theatre: "Swim Girl Swim."
Central Theatre: "The Cohens and Kellys in Africa."

Saturday.

(March 28.)
Queen's College Athletic Sports, College Ground, Causeway Bay, 12 noon.
Cricket—Division I: H.K.C.C. v. Craigengower (L.), Kowloon C.C. v. University (L.); Division II: Craigengower v. Royal Engineers (L.), Civil Service v. University (F.).

THE NAVY OF TO-MORROW

PLEA FOR MAXIMUM GUN POWER.
REAL FUNCTION OF WAR AT SEA.

We reproduce from the London Morning Post the following review by Admiral Sir Reginald Custance of "Navies of To-day and To-morrow," a book that is certain to be widely discussed, and of which the author is Capt. Acworth, the Morning Post Naval Correspondent. Admiral Custance writes:—

This book is important, because it deals with the fundamental principle, that in war at sea the destruction of the enemy armed ships in battle is the chief military aim.

That was the accepted doctrine set forth in the Admiralty Memorandum laid before the Colonial Conference in the year 1902. It derived from the great Admirals of the past, had produced the decisive battle of Trafalgar, and is the traditional doctrine upheld by Capt. Acworth.

Two years later, in the year 1904, a new Board came into office with a new doctrine, declaring that the fruits of victory can be attained without a battle. This was to be reached, by building larger ships than those of the enemy, in order to discourage him from offering battle, and by fighting at long and indecisive ranges if battle were joined. The result was the indecisive battle of Jutland and its consequences.

Capt. Acworth shows that those consequences were that the superior British fleet was neutralised by the inferior German fleet, while the German submarines operated against British merchant shipping, causing immense losses, which nearly led to our failure in the War. Is not this a proof that the 1904 doctrine was, and is, unsound?

As is well known, the desire to fight at long ranges was increased by an exaggerated fear of the Whitehead torpedo and by not recognising the importance of superior gunfire at decisive ranges. Evidently if the fruits of victory can be attained without a battle, it cannot be worth while to run risks.

Again, the failure to provide security for our seagoing trade was due to the same cause, but was brought about in a different way. The German cruisers and submarines, which threatened it, were not brought to action because they could not be found until the system of patrolling the trade routes or open sea had failed and been replaced by the convoy system, when the armed escorts intercepted them.

No Change.

The war led to no change in the doctrine accepted in 1904.

The post-war battleships, Nelson and Rodney, are larger than those built before the war. The armour in these ships is arranged to give the maximum protection at long ranges, and the gun practices in peace time have been carried out beyond decisive ranges, much reliance being placed on spotting from the air. This goes to show that the long range indecisive battle is still in favour and the covering effect of superior gunfire at decisive ranges is not recognised.

Further, at the Geneva Conference, stress was laid on the trade routes. At that held at Washington 10,000-ton cruisers were approved. However adapted that type of ship might be for trade route and other services, it is unsuitable for the convoy service, which needs escorts with fighting power and not with excessive speed. Is it not evident that at these conferences more attention was concentrated on patrolling the trade route than on the convoy system? Thus, whether we consider the battle, or the system of giving security to the trade, the true lessons of the war had not been learnt. The post-war directing minds were still guided by the mistaken doctrine of 1904.

In Part III, Capt. Acworth turns to the Navy of the future and starts by explaining the purposes for which the Navy exists. According to him these may be summed up to be the defence of the British Empire, its overseas trade and its interests. Cannot a stronger case be made? Does not the British Navy exist to attack, or to threaten to attack, enemy armed ships, and by defeating or neutralising them to make secure the British Empire, its sea-going trade and interests? Thus, the main fleet watches the enemy main fleet and attacks when opportunity offers; the armed escort is placed alongside the convoy ready to attack when the enemy raider appears. In each case the military aim is to attack when a favourable opportunity offers, and the political object is security. Is not this the purpose for which every navy exists and has always existed?

Their Requirements.

With much force the author explains that the navies required by particular countries differ according to their geographical and other conditions; the case for Great Britain differs from that for any other country; and a weak Navy may have a deterrent effect until it has been defeated.

He holds that—

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AIRWAYS AND AVIATION.

BRITISH FLYING NEWS.

EXHIBITS AT BUENOS AIRES.

LONDON, Feb. 17.
After many months of careful
preparation events are converging
swiftly on this year's supreme
effort overseas of the British air-
craft industry. For weeks past
consignments of aeroplanes, aero
engines and accessory equipment
have left Britain at intervals for
Buenos Aires, the scene of the
great British Empire Trade Exhi-
bition which the Prince of Wales,
now touring Latin America by rail,
road and air, will declare open on
March 14.

In addition to occupying the
greater part of the British Govern-
ment Pavilion in the Exhibition
grounds the British aircraft con-
structors are sending some of the
latest light aeroplanes and service
training machines built in this
country for a special flying demon-
stration at El Palomar aerodrome,
near Buenos Aires. There, thanks
to the co-operation of the Argen-
tine military air chiefs, these new
British planes will show their paces
during the first, second and third
weeks of next month.

Before he left London the Prince
of Wales caused a telegram to be
sent to the British Ambassador in
Buenos Aires asking that one day,
should be set aside during his stay
in Buenos Aires for a visit to El
Palomar to inspect the British air-
craft assembled there. Before he
leaves El Palomar the Prince also
proposes to visit the Argentine air
service headquarters, to inspect the
Argentine air fleet, and to talk
with the men who control the air
forces.

Housed at El Palomar the Prince
is likely to find his own private
light aeroplane, brought specially
to South America in the aircraft-
carrier Eagle. Accompanied by his
personal pilot, Mr. E. H. Fielden,
the Prince plans to make several
air journeys into the provinces of
Argentina north of the capital, em-
phasising after a tour in which he
has already covered many hundreds
of miles by aeroplane his enthu-
siasm for air travel and his position
as the world's most illustrious pri-
vate aeroplane owner.

BRITAIN AND GREEK AIR SERVICES.

On February 12, a contract was
signed between the Greek Govern-
ment and the Blackburn Aeroplane
and Motor Company for exploita-
tion during a further period of
seven years by the British concern
of the aircraft factory at
Piræus, near Athens.

The new contract, obtained after
competition with constructors of
other nations who wished to take
over the factory, is the most re-
cent milestone in a picturesque and
important enterprise. The Black-
burn company has administered the
factory since 1923, building new
machines for the Greek Govern-
ment, re-conditioning others and
making large quantities of spares,
parts for motor vehicles, special
gear for the Naval Air Base nearby
and filling innumerable small en-
gineering orders for the Greek air
services. Work at first was ex-
tremely difficult and progressed
slowly; to find workmen trained to
the degree of skill and exactness
essential in aircraft construction
was almost impossible. Actually
more than one thousand workmen
passed through the company's
hand before a complement of three
hundred men was selected. In
time the Greek workmen became
gradually more and more efficient;
till to-day the works are manned,
except for twelve Englishmen, en-
tirely by Greeks, who have even
replaced the British leading hands
and charge hands.

TORPEDOPLANES AND TRAINERS.

Altogether the factory construct-
ed under the old contract forty-six
new aeroplanes, comprising "Velos"
torpedo planes, Avro, training
machine and "Atlas" general
purpose craft. Wood and metal
floats were made for the torpedo-
droppers and the training aero-
planes. It was responsible for the
reconditioning of fifty-one service
machines. During the past two
years the factory has done the
repairs needed by the British,
Italian and French air liners which
pass through Athens.

The gaining of the new contract
followed a probationary period of
six months, ending on December 31
last year, enjoined by Mr. Veniz-
elos, the first Minister for Air, to
determine whether the Blackburn
firm could operate the factory with
equal efficiency in the building and
reconditioning of all-metal aircraft,
a recent and complex development
in aeroplane design.

Mr. Robert Blackburn, who per-
sonally conducted negotiations with
the Greek Government was con-
siderably helped by a letter, signed
by the Chairman of the Society of
British Aircraft Constructors, which
promised the hearty co-operation of
other British aircraft firms if a
British company should be award-
ed the contract.

BRITAIN AND THE SCHNEIDER.

British preparation for the
Schneider Trophy contest, sche-
duled to be held over British
waters, in September, proceeds
rapidly and smoothly.

The constructors of the racing
seaplanes and engines on which
Britain will rely again this year to
defend the Trophy against foreign
challengers, have begun intensive
work based on detailed technical
investigation begun as far back as
last February. At Felixstowe three
officers who may form the nucleus
of the Schneider team—Flight-
Lieutenants Hope, Bootman and
Long—are in readiness for the in-
tensive training period when the
reconditioned racing planes are
delivered from the manufacturers.
These men have been engaged for
several months past on high-speed
flying designed to elucidate prob-
lems met by the aeroplane designer
in constructing aeroplanes able to
move at speeds of five miles a
minute or more.

The zone of speeds extending up-
wards from about 250 miles an hour
is largely unknown. It has not yet
been explored and charted satis-
factorily in the elaborate formulae
and astonishing graphs beloved of
the aircraft designer, and the fly-
ing done at Felixstowe last year is
hoped to supply data and informa-
tion enabling the performance of a
super-speed racing aeroplane to be
deduced from tests of models in
the laboratory wind tunnels, as
accurately as the designer now
estimates from the model results
the performance of slower machines.

NEW SCHNEIDER COM- MITTEE CHAIRMAN.

The third organisation deeply in-
terested, counting the industry as
one group, and Air Ministry and
Royal Air Force as another, is the
Royal Aero Club, which, as the
body responsible for all sporting
flying in this country, plays a con-
siderable part in the organisation
of the contest. The special Schnei-
der Trophy Committee of the club,
re-constituted under a new chair-
man, is launching immediately on
the manifold details of preparation,
which include the organisation of
the contest itself apart from the
Royal Air Force side and numerous
arrangements for its efficient run-
ning. How complicated the task
may be is illustrated in the fact
that in 1929, when the last contest
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THE AIR "WAR" IN 1931.

BRITAIN'S DEFENCES TO BE TEMPTED.

Again this year the Royal Air
Force will engage in mimic war,
designed to test the home defence
system. For a number of days and
nights in July the fighters and
bombers of the R.A.F. squadrons,
divided into opposing forces, will
dispute again the age-old battle of
defence and attack in an effort to
get further data about the many
problems of "efficiently defending
Britain from possible future air
raids, and to exercise machines and
men in war-like operations.

Last year the opposing forces,
fighting for mythical lands entitled
respectively Red Colony and Blue
Colony, worked out campaigns
which threw considerable light on
air tactics that might be necessary,
in certain circumstances, in some
parts of the Empire. Incidentally,
the 250 aeroplanes employed during
the 63 hours of the "war" demon-
strated beyond dispute the trust-
worthiness of British aeroplanes
and engines. They flew an aggre-
gate of 2,008 hours, much of it by
night and sometimes in conditions
of poor visibility during the day,
covering a distance equivalent to
more than twelve times round the
Equator. Yet not a single serious
incident marred the "war." Not
a machine was seriously damaged
or a man hurt.

This year the exercises, reverting
to the practice of earlier years, are
likely to be concerned more direct-
ly with the actual defence system
of London, the capital and heart
of the country. Air and ground
defences will be tested; not only
the defending fighters but the net-
work of listening and observation
posts, searchlights, and, perhaps,
guns, are likely to be called into
action.

The speed of present day aero-
planes means that raiders which
cross the English coast can be over
London in less than twenty-five
minutes even in still air; the
magnitude of the job before the
defenders may be gauged from the
brevity of this interval in which all
the organisation of defence must
be thrown into gear. The task in-
volves a most highly efficient system
of intelligence and requires defend-
ing fighters which can reach opera-
tional heights of, perhaps, 20,000
feet or more above the ground in
a very few minutes after leaving
the aerodrome.

was held over the Solent, ocean
liners due to reach Southampton
around the day fixed for the con-
test were warned six months pre-
viously. Some ocean ships were
actually instructed by wireless
when they were separated from
Southampton by the width of the
world.

The new chairman of the Schnei-
der Trophy Committee is Squad-
ron Commander James Bird, one
of the best known men in the
British aircraft industry and a pro-
minent yachtsman. He succeeds
Colonel Mervyn O'Gorman, who
was obliged to resign by pressure
of other work.

Squadron Commander Bird is
director of the Supermarine Avia-
tion Works, where the successful
British machines in three previous
Schneider contests were construct-
ed, and has an unrivalled fund of
knowledge about the event. His
membership of the Southampton
Harbour Board is certain to assist
him in the inevitable discussions
and conferences with the harbour
authorities, whose co-operation is
essential to the smooth running of
the contest and of the navigability
trials preceding it.

MADRID & CANARY ISLANDS.

LINKED BY FORD AIR SERVICE.

Oversea air mail service between
Madrid, the capital of Spain, and
the Canary Islands, Spanish posses-
sions in the South Atlantic, has just
been successfully inaugurated with a
Ford tri-motor transport land plane,
according to reports received by
the Ford Motor Company.

The advent of this new service
was hailed by Spanish newspapers
as an outstanding event in Spanish
aviation, reducing as it does the
travel time between the Spanish
Peninsula and the Canary Islands
by many hours and closely linking
the island possession to the king-
dom. The route of the Ford trans-
port on its flight to and from the
islands carried the plane over the
brooding Spanish Sahara, with a
long jump over water to Las
Palmas and Santa Cruz de Tenerife.
The outbound flight with stops for
fuel at Casablanca and Cabo Juby,
required 14 hours.

Search for Lost Fliers.

On its return flight, the party of
officials who inaugurated the ser-
vice, including Cesar Gomez, direc-
tor of Classa Air Lines, which
operates the services to the
Canaries as well as between
Madrid, Seville and Barcelona,
and Ernesto Navarro, technical
advisor of the National Aero-
nautical Bureau, participated for
three days in the search of the
Sahara for the Spanish military
pilots Burguete and Nunez, who
had been forced down in the desert.
During this search, the party in
the Ford plane combed the Sahara
from the air over a strip of territory
300 kilometres inland from the
Coast. The search ended when the
lost fliers found their way to an
outpost and reported themselves
safe.

Throughout the difficult flights
over the desert and despite the
terrible heat the plane's three
Wright J-6 motors functioned per-
fectly, the pilots Ansaldo and
Soriano reported following the re-
turn of the party to Madrid. The
plane, being equipped with radio,
was in constant communication with
the Spanish military base at Cabo
Juby during the flights. Upon his
return to Madrid, Pilot Ansaldo
reported that in the round trip
flight between Madrid and the
Canary Islands and the flights over
the desert in search of the lost
aviators the plane had flown 8,000
kilometres, approximately 5,000
miles, with perfect performance.

The Inaugural Flight.

The inaugural flight in the Ford
plane, which the Classa line had
operated in regular service between
Madrid, Seville, and Barcelona,
was preliminary to the regular
operation of the service between
Spain and the Canaries with am-
phibian planes. The service at first
will be weekly but later it is plan-
ned to put it on a daily basis.

A gathering of distinguished
Spanish civil officials, including
Minister of the Interior Matos,
participated in the ceremonies, in-
cluding the inauguration of the
service when the plane departed
from Madrid. Large crowds greet-
ed the plane and its party at both
Las Palmas and Santa Cruz de
Tenerife. The plane carried in ad-
dition to the pilots and the official
party two mechanics, a radio opera-
tor, large consignments of mail and
bundles of the Madrid newspaper
La Vanguardia.

THE NAVY OF TO-MORROW.

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"The Navy should be planned,
constructed, and trained as a
balanced whole to render it an in-
strument which can obtain decisive
and overwhelming victory over the
enemy's main fleet when the fleets
engage, the decisive point being in
the future, as in the past, opposite
the guns of the enemy's battle
fleet."

"Naval strategy should consist
of a single-minded determination
ultimately to force action on the
opponent, whether he wish it or
not, and to make such action, when
joined, decisive."

The reader may ask whether the
existing Navy has been planned and
constructed as a balanced whole.

As is well known, the number
and size of the battleships was
dealt with at Washington without
regard to the decisive battle they
might have to fight, but purely to
parity with the navy of the United
States, with whom war was de-
clared to be unthinkable. No agree-
ment on the strength in cruisers
was found possible either at Wash-
ington or later at Geneva. Neither
side understood that war at sea
cannot be divided into compart-
ments in this way, but must be
considered as a whole. Neither
side realised that the security of
the sea-going trade depends not on
the futile system of patrolling trade
routes, but on the results of the
decisive battle and of the combats
between raiders and escorts to con-
voys.

Was not the failure to agree at
the London Conference due to the
fact that France and Italy had the
decisive battle in their minds,
whereas Great Britain and the
United States had not? Behind
these conferences was no sound sea
doctrine, and no recognition of the
principle that the navy required by
each nation is an absolute quantity
based on its own particular strate-
gic concepts, providing for its own
security and not menacing, but
mindful of, the security of others.

Need of Numbers.

Capt. Acworth's conception of the
Navy required to win the decisive
battle is based on the lessons of
the war. His fighting fleet includes
battleships of moderate dimensions,
because our strategy demands rapid
hats; of the fighting power round
to win the battle, a moderate
speed seeing that battle can be
forced by sound strategy. To assist
in the battle and in giving security
to the overseas trade he requires
armoured cruisers of good fighting
power and high speed relative to
our own battleships. In place of
the present torpedo boat destroy-
ers, he substitutes second class
cruisers of high speed relative to
the armoured cruisers.

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exclusively with the gun. He right-
ly looks upon the torpedo as a
torpedo to be an inferior short-
range weapon and upon the bomb
range to be too inaccurate to be used
in the sea. Since the failure of
the submarine, when properly coun-
tered, shows that its limitations
are great, he would only use the
torpedo in small ones suitable as
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keeping capacity, armed with six
9.2-inch guns in turrets and armour-
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similar sea-keeping capacity, armed
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ed by armour.

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what smaller, but, unlike them,
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cruisers are higher. On the whole,
the comparison indicates that the
proposals are practicable.

According to the author the
sustaining navy compared with that
existing would consist of 25 battle-
ships with 150 guns as against 17
with 189; 38 armoured cruisers with
228 guns as against 4 with 28; 112
unarmoured cruisers with 72 guns as
against 49 with 124. This great in-
crease of gun power is due to dis-
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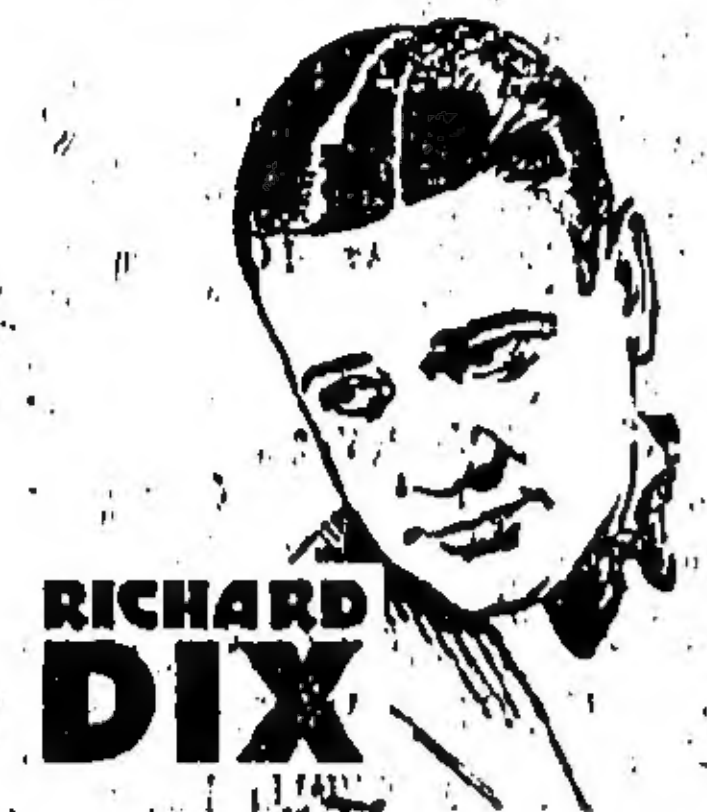
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11.30 a.m.—Chinese programme.
12.30 p.m.—European programme.
1.30 p.m.—Weather report, local
time and Rugby Press news.
2 p.m.—Close down.
3 to 3 p.m.—European programme
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3 to 5.20 p.m.—

Hawaiian Melodies.

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Teasley."Silver Threads Among the Gold-
en."—Walter Kolomoku's Hono-
lulana.
"The Rose of Heaven."—Walter
Kolomoku's Hono-lulana.5.20 to 5.30 p.m.—
"West Wind."—John Boles
(Tenor)."Carnival of Venice."—Fred
Brano (Ocarina Soloist)."My Dream of the Big Parade."—
Peerless Quartette (Vocal).5.30 to 6.30 p.m.—"Gottterdam-
merung" (Wagner).—Berlin
State Opera Orchestra, con-
ducted by Leo Blech (Act 2
and part of Act 3). The end
of Act 3 will be broadcast next
Tuesday. These records have
been kindly loaned by a
listener.6.10 to 6.25 p.m.—Four pianoforte
solos by Ignace Jan Paderew-
ski:"Minuet" (Paderewski).
"Moonlight Sonata" (Beethoven).
"Song of Love" (Stojowski).
"Reflection on the Water" (De-
bussy).

6.25 to 7.15 p.m.—

Concert Items.

Song—"Pruch's Air and Varia-
tions."—Galli-Curci.Violin Solo—"Shepherd's Mad-
rigal" (Kreisler).—Fritz Kreis-
ler.Violin—"Cypre Caprice" (Kreis-
ler).—Fritz Kreisler.Song—"Love's Old Sweet Song"
(Bingham and Molloy).—John
McCormack (Tenor).Song—"Kathleen Mavourneen"
(Crawford Crouch).—John Mc-
Cormack (Tenor).Violin Solo—"Air for G String"
(Bach, arr. Wilhelm).—Mischa
Elman.Violin Solo—"Ave Maria"
(Schubert-Wilhelm).—Mischa
Elman.Song—"Love-Tide of Spring."—
Lucrezia Bori.Piano Solo—"Minuet" (Pader-
ewski).—Sergei Rachmaninoff.Piano Solo—"Nocturne in E"
Flat Major" (Chopin).—Sergei
Rachmaninoff.7.15 to 7.35 p.m.—"The Fire Bird"
(Ignor Stravinsky).—Philadel-
phia Symphony Orch.

7.35 to 8 p.m.—

Organ Solos.

"Diane."—Jesse Crawford.

"Among My" Souvenirs."—Jesse
Crawford."What Does It Matter."—Jesse
Crawford."Song of the Wanderer."—Jesse
Crawford.

"Because."—Jesse Crawford.

"Oh Promise Me."—Jesse Craw-
ford.8 to 11.30 p.m.—Ko Shing Theatre
relay.

11.30 p.m.—Close down.

WALL STREET TO FINANCE
CITY OF BERLIN.Berlin, March 16.—Very great
interest has been aroused in Berlin
city circles by the circumstantial
though—officially—unconfrimable
reports saying that a Wall-street
syndicate intends to finance the
Berlin municipality to an extent of
50 million marks in the form of
taking over the financial section of
the city's entire electrical under-
takings. It is understood that the
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NAVAL & MILITARY

Commander C. T. Wilson, who
has been placed on the retired list
at his own request, with the rank
of captain, became a lieutenant in
1905, when serving in the *Alacrity*
in China. He was again in China,
as physical training officer in the
flagship *Minotaur*, when the late
war broke out.The Air Ministry announces the
appointment of Air Vice-Marshal
Felton Vesey Holt, C.M.G.,
D.S.O., to be Air Officer Command-
ing, Fighting Area, Air Defence
of Great Britain, and of Group
Captain Henry Meyrick Cave-
Browne-Cave, D.S.O., D.F.C., to
be Director of Technical Develop-
ment, Air Ministry. Air Vice-
Marshal Holt was during 1920-22
seconded for service with the Chi-
nese Government Group and Captain
Cave-Browne-Cave was in com-
mand of the Far East Flight,
which left England in October,
1927, for Singapore, and after-
wards flew from Singapore round
Australia, back to Singapore, and
from Singapore to Hong Kong and
back—a total distance of more
than 27,000 statute miles.The cruiser *Cornwall*, Captain
A. N. Dowling, has recommissioned
at Devonport for further service
in the Fifth Cruiser Squadron,
China Station, drawing her new
crew from Portsmouth. She left
England about the middle of
March, and is due at Hong Kong
at the end of April.The season's movements of Army
units to new stations are in the
final stage of completion. On Feb.
16 the 8th Infantry Brigade at
Devonport and Plymouth received
the 1st Battalion. The Worcester-
shire Regiment, from China. The
new battalion for Singapore, the
1st Gloucestershire, landed on Feb.
17, and the 2nd Battalion. The
Northumberland Fusiliers com-
pleted the Far East reliefs by tak-
ing up duty at Shanghai in March
for a year.The *Kent* which left Hong Kong
on March 8, is due at Colombo
March 25-30, Aden April 3-7, Suez
April 11, Port Said April 12;
Malta April 15-20, Gibraltar April
23, Portsmouth April 27-28, Sheer-
ness April 29, and Chatham April
30.Following the retirement of
Rear-Admiral B. M. Money,
D.S.O., Captain S. R. Bailey,
C.B.E., D.S.O., A.D.C., has been
promoted to the rank of Rear-
Admiral. Captain Sidney Bailey
was a midshipman in China during
the Boxer War.Captain R. St. P. Parry, D.S.O.,
M.V.O., commissioned the cruiser
Vindictive at Chatham, on Feb. 17,
for a cruise to China with relief
half crews for the gunboats in the
Yangtze and West River, a relief
crew for the surveying ship *Herald*,
a few ratings for the depot-ship
Medway, and a submarine draft.
The programme of the *Vindictive*
is as follows:—Leave Sheerness,
March 6; call Portsmouth, March
7-9; call Plymouth, March 10-11;
Gibraltar, March 10-17; Malta,
March 20-23; Port Said, March 26-
27; Suez, March 27; Aden, April
1-2; Colombo, April 9-13; Singa-
pore, April 18-21; Hong Kong,
April 26-May 1; Shanghai, May
4-5; Hankow, May 7.The new submarines *Pandora* and
Proteus, which were damaged in
collision off Gibraltar, continued
their voyage on Feb. 23. The *Pan-
dora* is commanded by Lieut.-
Commander A. L. Beasant and the
Proteus by Lieut.-Commander L. B.
A. Majordie. The other two of
the group which left England on
Dec. 12, the *Pereus*, Lieut.-Com-
mander G. A. W. Voelcker, and
Posidon, Lieut.-Commander B. W.
Galpin, should reach Hong Kong
on Feb. 28.Captain R. B. Ramsay, who com-
manded the *Vindictive* in China,
from February, 1927, has been ap-
pointed to be Naval Attaché at
Rome.THE TARIFF TRUCE
CONFERENCEEVIL RESULTS FOR EUROPE
IF NO SOLUTION.Geneva, March 16.—The Dutch
President of the European Tariff
Truce Conference Mr. Colijn in
today's session warned the dele-
gates that unless a solution of the
problem occupying the conference
was found, evil consequences were
to be expected for Europe's econ-
omic life including the repudiation
of a series of commercial treaties.The German delegate thereupon
announced that Germany's ratifica-
tion of the agreement reached at
last year's conference, having passed
the third reading in the Reich-
stag on Monday, would be laid on
the table in the course of the pre-
sent week. Germany would at the
same time make known the condi-
tions which she sets to the coming
into force of the convention, the
chief among which would be that
it should be ratified by France and
Great Britain.The French delegate thereupon
stated that in view of certain
economic difficulties France would
be unable to ratify the convention
unless various important modifica-
tions were agreed upon by the pre-
sent conference and the signatories
of the convention.

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of featured baritone roles in "The
Dollar Princess," "The Quaker
Girl" and "The Chocolate
Soldier" this Reginald Denny will
appear almost as a stranger to the
thousands who will see him as he
appears in the featured male role
of "Madam Satan," Cecil B. De
Mille's new and striking, Metro-
Goldwyn-Mayer comedy with music,
now showing at the Queen's Thea-
tre."In 'Madam Satan,' Cecil B.
De Mille stated recently, 'Mr.
Denny will be shown in a guise
absolutely new to 90 per cent of
his thousands of friends. He has
been tied so definitely with silent
film comedies for several years that
most people have forgotten that his
earliest fame was won with his
singing voice. When admirers of
this capable star hear him sing,
'All I Know Is That You Are in
My Arms,' 'Forgive, Forgive and
Love Me,' and several other of the
songs in this production, they will
be delighted at a revelation of new
powers. Denny in 'Madam
Satan' gives one of his finest per-
formances. He is not only a
finished film player but a singer of
extraordinary range and power."

CENTRAL THEATRE.

"THE LOVE DOCTOR."

"Bud Woodbridge, prominent
young social scion, whose engage-
ment was announced last week to
Grace Tyler, is at his mother's
estate recovering from a severe case
of love," Dr. Gerald Sumner today
admitted.It is rumoured that Grace has
thrown Bud and is now madly in
love with Dr. Sumner. Other sour-
ces say that Bud's beautiful nurse,
Virginia Moore, is also in love
with Dr. Sumner and that she re-
ally upset the canoe in which she
and the doctor were riding last
week, and as a result of which,
they were both nearly drowned.Dr. Sumner gained prominence
recently through his announcement
of the three essential rules for love
and at that time was very empha-
tic in his statement that he would
always remain single. If all the
rumours are correct it looks as
though the doctor would soon join
the ranks of the married men.
All this is just a sketchy outline
of the plot of "The Love Doctor,"
the Paramount all-talking feature
at the Central Theatre, showing
for the last time to-day, in which
Richard Dix has the role of Dr.
Sumner. "The Love Doctor" is
taken from the stage play "The
Boomerang."ROYAL WELCOME
PREPARED.JAPANESE ROYALLY GOING
TO ENGLAND.London, March 16.—Elaborate
preparations to receive Prince and
Princess Takamatsu of Japan when
they reach England from France on
Thursday were completed here to-
day.On Saturday the Imperial good-
will tourists will witness the Ox-
ford-Cambridge boat race, one of
the most important English sport-
ing events of the year.March 23 will find Prince Tak-
amatsu, who is intensely interested
in naval affairs, at the Plymouth
Naval Station. He will be the
guest of the officers at the station
and he will conduct a thorough
inspection.Plans made here provide that on
March 23 Prince Takamatsu will
visit the Royal Naval College of
Dartmouth and on March 25 he
will, with Princess Takamatsu, be
entertained at Eton College.
Prince and Princess Takamatsu
are still in France but they are now
preparing to cross the Channel.
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ernment, the diplomatic corps and
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one little girl. There is no ques-
tion on either side of loose living,
but the tension between them be-
comes too great to be borne. And
so, technically, he becomes the
guilty party, permits himself to be
divorced, and is not allowed a
say in the future of his child. In
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saddest, way out.

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ingly unusual, but it is not un-
attractive. This young man, more-
over, though a sensitive and poetic
being, is fortunately quite nor-
mal, which surely shows courage
on the part of the author. He goes
through a bad enough time during
the period of self-love, but sur-
vives for better days. Incidental-
ly, the portrait of the old father
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opening chapter you learn of the
old squire's vexation that after a
little trouble over religious ques-
tions his village blacksmith has
coolly migrated to the neighbour-
ing town, you can form a fairly
accurate idea of what is to happen.
The Blakes of the Hall will go
steadily down, and the Abels of
the smithy will go steadily up.
And so it is. You have read their
story many times before, and will
no doubt read it many times again,
but it is a good enough story, par-
ticularly when, as here, the au-
thor's cine-camera has been set at
a rather novel angle.

The Blakes make their fight, of
course, but the odds are too great.
The Squire's son, a cleric, keeps
his land, but his son is forced to
sell. The Hall passes to the ex-
blacksmith, now Mayor and M.P.
and a war-baronet, and the Blake
of the fourth generation thinks

himself lucky to get a job in the
Abel factories. But equally, of
course, there are compensations.
The young people no longer make
alliances: they marry to please
themselves. And so Blakes can
marry Abels, and if the ghost of
the old Squire utters a protest, it
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going up or down. This is not the
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of intrigue, his treatment of wo-
men, the part both religion and
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Hankey does not always write too
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man who, years before the war,
had put aside all Western ideas,
turned Muslim, and prospered. In
1917 he is a powerful Sheikh. Un-
fortunately he has his domestic
troubles. His wife has gone apart.
He takes others, but the trouble
only increases. And as the war
progresses he becomes immersed in
a net of intrigue which, frankly,
becomes a little boring. There is
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many complications. Nevertheless,
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leaves him a competence; charging
him, however, to find his long dis-
carded Chinese mistress, Mei Fa,
and hand over to her the large
residue of his estate. But Mei Fa
bitterly resented being cast off and,
having become the leader of a
secret society of pirates, is plot-
ting to seize his son and make him
the subject of her merciless revenge.
After escaping several of her subtle
stratagems, he is caught and tortur-
ed mentally and physically, the
climax of horror being reached
when Ah Chan, the woman's
daughter and supposed to be Bur-
rage's child, is ruthlessly flogged
in his presence. Mark, who is him-
self half an Oriental by disposi-
tion and rules himself by the
maxims of Confucius, had been
helped to endure his captivity by
Ah Chan and, not dreaming that
she was his sister (as it turns out
she was not), had fallen passionat-
ly in love with her.

When the net of piracy is de-
stroyed and the girl pirate is kill-
ed, the English half of the hero
prevails, but his marriage with a
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"pays tendre" with callow youth
and selfish and sophisticated man-
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maker's nightmare." We see the
river heaving to a throng of
piranhas, the flesh-eating fish who
can cut a swimmer into small pieces
in a few seconds—Theodore Roose-
velt's terrific account of these ob-
stacles to mixed bathing is confirm-
ed. We enter arid tracts of hard-
wood forest, where the only bath
for the children is the downpour
of rain during a thunderstorm.
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SHANGHAI GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

VARIED TOPICS DISCUSSED BY CHAIRMAN
AT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce took place in the offices of the secretaries, Messrs. Beck & Swann, North-China Building, 17 The Bund, last Tuesday, when Mr. H. W. P. McMeekin presided, supported by R. N. Swann, secretary.

The Chairman said:—The report and accounts have been in your hands for some time and with your permission I will take them as read. I will ask you to adopt them in due course.

The Report deals very fully with the many matters which have called for your Committee's attention during the year and it leaves little for me to add.

In my remarks at the last annual meeting I referred to the amount of time which your Committee had found necessary to devote to pilotage questions during the year under review several changes of importance in the tariff of the Shanghai Licensed Pilots' Association and the Woosung-Hankow Pilots' Association were instituted, resulting in a considerably heavier burden on shipping companies. In the case of the Shanghai Licensed Pilots' Association, however, your committee has been successful in obtaining the creation of a reserve fund by the setting aside of a percentage of earnings each month. This sinking fund is to be applied to replacement of existing plant and equipment, and the Harbour Master has informed the Chamber that the reserve fund will be handed over to whatever authority takes over the Shanghai Licensed Pilots' Association and not used for the benefit of individual pilots. Shipping companies were by no means pleased with the decision of the pilotage authority regarding the increase in the pilotage tariff of the Shanghai Licensed Pilots' Association; the Chamber voted against any increase at the meeting of the pilotage authority, but were outvoted by the Consular Body and Harbour Master, who were in favour of the increase being granted.

Revised Harbour Regulations.

The Chamber's draft of suggested Revised Hazardous Goods Regulations for the Port of Shanghai was presented to the Commissioner of Customs, after approval by the National Chambers of Commerce, early last year. Whilst no official change has been made in the Harbour regulations in this regard, your committee have been given to understand that the suggested revised regulations, as prepared by the Chamber, are being applied in Shanghai by the Commissioner of Customs and Harbour Master practically without amendment.

The new Customs Tariff became effective on January 1, 1931, and with the extinction of certain anomalies, some of which have already received the Chamber's attention, the new scale of duties appears to call for very little comment, unless it be to say that the Tariff appears to have been very carefully drafted with the object of promoting native industries in China as far as possible. The increased duty on woollen piece goods has been revised as the result of representations made by this Chamber in conjunction with the Shanghai Piece Goods Importers Association. Numerous requests from piece goods dealers for cancellation of contracts for cargo were the subject of the meeting of Importers held on January 14, when it was found possible to decide upon unanimity of action, and dealers were recommended to place woollen piece goods cargo into bond pending adjustment of the Customs Tariff in this respect.

Duty Paid in China.

I am indebted to the Commissioner of Customs, Shanghai, for the following figures of duty paid for the whole of China during the past 5 years.

	Import duty	Export duty
H.K. Tls.	H.K. Tls.	H.K. Tls.
1926	42,335,036	26,363,737
1927	34,903,222	25,461,617
1928	46,409,294	27,057,563
1929	107,251,967	36,233,167
1930	125,840,256	35,547,830
Other dues & duties. Total.		
H.K. Tls.	H.K. Tls.	H.K. Tls.
1926	11,317,147	80,425,600
1927	8,410,836	69,781,676
1928	9,775,567	82,332,525
1929	9,284,989	152,830,093
1930	9,231,663	180,019,768

As pointed out last year, the remarkable increase shown for the year 1929 is apt to be misleading to statisticians outside China and might normally be interpreted to indicate a vast expansion of trade. The same applies to the figures of 1930. In both of these years the figures are magnified by the inclusion of the salt returns and the increased scale of duties which came into force in February, 1929. The average Sterling rate of exchange for the year was approximately 1/81 per Shanghai Tael as compared with 2/4 for 1929 and 2/8 for 1928.

The opening rate of 2/11 in January 1930 proved to be the highest rate of the year. Silver

quotations declined gradually from then until the end of May when a distinct weakness exhibited itself and rates fell sharply to 1/54 at the beginning of June.

At this point some resistance was forthcoming caused chiefly by the operations of gold bar speculators and rates rose to 1/71 in September, but towards the end of the year weakness again set in and we closed at the lowest official quotation of the year 1/44.

Since the opening of the present year a further sharp decline has to be recorded and by the middle of February Silver fell to 12d, per ounce with the tael quoted at 1/18.

The Remedy for Silver.

This unprecedented price for the metal brought forth not only from producers but also from those dependent on its value various schemes for rehabilitating silver, but it would appear that the remedy lies rather in the gradual world recovery from the present economic crisis than in any artificial measures which would only be of a temporary nature. We in China, as you are aware, particularly dependent upon the value of silver for therein lies the buying power of the country; and at the present level it is quite impossible to do business in many of the main lines of imports such as Cotton Piece Goods. One might normally expect that the present low silver level would enable China to reap considerable benefit from her export trade, but whilst admitting that the world markets are generally in a state of depression, and the buying power of the world has been outstripped by over production, the exorbitant taxation and banditry which still prevails in the interior prevents the native merchants from exploiting the natural wealth and resources of their country.

It is too early as yet to make any statement on the subject of the abolition of Likin. Without doubt the National Government has made strenuous endeavours to abolish this pernicious form of taxation and have done so with nominal success in many provinces, but only to replace same with new taxes, such as Consolidation Tax, Business Tax and Special Consumption Tax. The position regarding Native Customs Duty is still very obscure. A Customs Notification was published on January 1, 1931, to the effect that after the abolition of transit duty, intra-50-li Native Customs Duty was to be charged on all foreign goods proceeding inland. This was followed by a further Customs Notification on January 9 to the effect that no Native Customs Duty would be charged on foreign imports proceeding inland.

Judge Feetham's Report.

The Shanghai Special District Court was inaugurated on April 1, 1930, to take the place of the Shanghai Provisional Court, and judging by Press reports of proceedings and the number of appeals lodged by disputants, the Court still leaves much to be desired.

Early last year your Committee was approached by the Honourable Mr. Justice Feetham for the purpose of obtaining the views of foreign commercial and shipping interests in Shanghai regarding the following queries:—

1.—What is the nature and extent of the business interests which have become concentrated in Shanghai, and particularly in the Foreign Settlement, and what is their significance in relation to the economic life of China as a whole?

2.—What are the main causes which have led to such concentration?

3.—What are the vital points for which it is necessary to provide in any scheme for the future of Shanghai so that such interests may not suffer and that Shanghai's position as a great business centre may be maintained?

Statements on the points raised were obtained from each of the Foreign National Chambers of Commerce and submitted to Mr. Justice Feetham together with a covering statement from this Chamber. Mr. Justice Feetham's report is now anxiously awaited and I have reason to believe that it will be submitted to the Shanghai Municipal Council in the very near future.

Dredging the Yangtze.

A change in the basis of levying conservancy dues is to be introduced in the near future and, from the increased revenue, plant and equipment is to be obtained for the dredging of the approaches to Shanghai in the Yangtze estuary. Some considerable time must elapse before the necessary plant can be obtained, but shipping companies are no doubt gratified with this definite step towards the deepening of the sea approaches to Shanghai.

of the landing rights enjoyed by the Great Northern, Eastern Extension and Commercial Pacific Cable Companies for a further term of 14 years on amended conditions. As regards Amoy and Foochow, serious disorganization has taken place and whilst it would appear that matters are now on the way to amicable settlement, the methods employed by the Chinese Telegraph Administration in imposing their will on others can only call for the strongest condemnation.

Towards the end of 1930 your Committee circulated a revised list of Public Holidays after consultation with the Chinese and Foreign Bankers Associations and the Customs authorities. The principle change was the increasing of the holiday at foreign New Year, to four days (including Sunday) and the abolition of the usual holiday at Lunar New Year and replacement of same by a two days holiday on 17th and 18th February, 1931, to be known as Spring Holiday. Towards the end of January, however, the Chinese Government issued a Mandate that no holiday of any nature was to be permitted at the Lunar New Year and Government offices in Shanghai remained open without cessation of business during that period. Speaking generally, however, Chinese business houses remained closed for at least four full days and the Lunar New Year was observed without any apparent change in the Shanghai district.

I will now turn to the accounts. There is nothing calling for special comment and I am glad to state that the Chamber's finances are in a very satisfactory condition. Before proposing the adoption of the Report and Accounts I shall be glad to answer any questions regarding them to the best of my ability.

As no questions were asked the following resolutions were carried:—That the report and accounts, as presented, be passed.

That the following be elected as members of the new committee for the ensuing year:—Messrs. H.W.P. McMeekin (chairman), O.G. Steen (vice-chairman), P. A. Cox, R. E. Coxon, J. de Craesacker, F. H. Forde, K. Fukushima, S. C. Kingbury, A. B. Lawson, J. W. Robertson, U. M. Taveira and Dr. W. Vogel.



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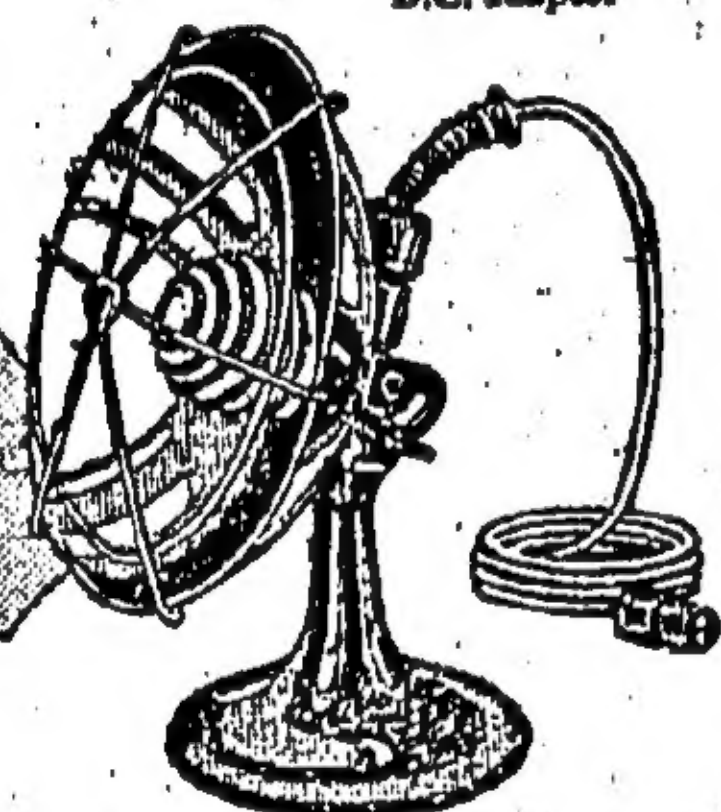
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The Report of the Committee of the Society of St. George, Hong Kong, for presentation at the annual general meeting to be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Monday, March 20, at 5.30 p.m., states:—
The General Funds show a balance of \$4,573.94, an increase of \$123.16 as compared with the end of 1929, while there is a balance of \$2,280.09 at the credit of the Entertainment Fund. The surplus from the 1930 Ball Account was \$828.40 which was included in a transfer made from General Ball Funds to the Entertainment Fund.

The calls on the Society for relief were comparatively small in number but the amount disbursed was \$1,043.03, part of which was a contribution towards the passage of a distressed Englishwoman and her daughter who were repatriated. Close touch was kept with the Hong Kong Benevolent Society and the Charities Organization to ensure that those seeking relief from the Society were deserving of aid.

On St. George's Day a wreath was laid on the Cenotaph. In the afternoon the Band and Bugles of the 1st Somerset Light Infantry (Prince Albert's) gave a concert, and sounded "Retreat" on the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground. Despite an interruption by rain the concert was much enjoyed by a large gathering. At night the Society was "at home" to the men of the Services in the Lee Theatre, when a variety concert was given. There was a crowded house and the Society's guests clearly demonstrated their appreciation of the entertainment.

On Armistice Day a wreath of Flanders' poppies was laid at the Cenotaph.
The annual golf match against St. Andrew's Society was played at Fanling on November 10, 1930. For the first time for some years past St. Andrew's won.

The annual ball on Twelfth Night was attended by over 1000 members and guests, a number considerably in excess of any previous ball held by the Society.

The committee regret to have to record the death of Mr. P. W. Blackwell who was killed in a flying accident in Europe while on leave.

During the year 89 new members joined the Society but about the same number resigned or were struck off on account of prolonged absence from the Colony. The number on the active list is now 518 as against 517 at the last annual meeting.

During the year His Excellency the Governor (Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.), honoured the Society by becoming its Patron.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., to whom the thanks of the Society are due.

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The evening of Friday will see the first appearance in Hong Kong, at the Theatre Royal, of two world famous dancers, Clotilde and Alexandre Sakhareff, who together with their assisting artists, Pierre Reitlinger, violinist, and Marcel Gaveau, pianist, will give one performance in the Colony before proceeding to Manila.

It is understood that the Sakhareffs are unique and is of an even higher standard than that of other great dancing sensations which have visited Hong Kong in the past under the direction of A. S. Stok.

The Sakhareffs have just completed a wonderful tour of 25 recitals in Japan. They will soon arrive in the Colony from Shanghai which has been completely taken by storm with their very unusual art. They reveal a form of terpsichorean art which not only finds high favour with dance enthusiasts, but also is guaranteed to please even the "tired business man." Clotilde Sakhareff has long been famous in Europe for her beauty and her superb figure, while Alexandre Sakhareff is one of the most perfect male dancers now appearing before the general public. In every respect this engagement of the two world-famous dancers is of importance to artistic Hong Kong.

It is understood that after the appearance of the Sakhareffs, Toti Dal Monte said to be the world's greatest coloratura soprano, and de Muro Tomanto, celebrated Italian lyric tenor, will appear at the Theatre Royal for one joint song recital, on Monday, March 30. Booking for the recital is now proceeding at Montreux.

GROWTH OF THE PO LEUNG KUK.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR LAYS FOUNDATION STONE OF NEW BUILDING.

HONG KONG AND THE MUI TSAI PROBLEM.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., yesterday laid the foundation stone of the new Po Leung Kuk at Leighton Hill Road.

In the course of his address to the large assembly of representatives of both the European and Chinese community, His Excellency, speaking on the mui tai system in the Colony, said that there were obvious defects in the system and the Government had decided it should gradually be eliminated. "Cruelty to children is not inherent in the mui tai system, nor is it confined to mui tai, or even adopted children, nor is it peculiar to the East. It is, however, a most despicable crime, and every effort is now being made to bring offenders to justice," said His Excellency.

Lady Peel accompanied His Excellency, and among those present were His Excellency Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Sir Shou-sun Chow, Hon. Mr. A. E. Wood, Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, Hon. Mr. S. W. Tso, Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington, Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Mr. A. L. Shields, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. Tam Wun Tong, Lady Ho Tung, Mrs. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. Leung Pat Yau, Mr. Lo Chung Shiu, Mr. Ho Kwong, Mr. Ho Yu, Mr. Ho Leung, Mr. Tsang Foo, Mr. Li Yick Mui, and Mr. Kwok Shiu Lau.

After the speeches, which are given below, His Excellency performed the ceremony of laying the foundation stone. He was afterwards presented with a silver mallet and trowel.

HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTION.

Mr. Tam Wun Tong, the Chairman of the Po Leung Kuk, said:—

The erection of the new building of the Po Leung Kuk will be started to-day. H.E. Sir William Peel, the Governor, has been so kind as to have come to perform the ceremony of laying the foundation stone. We have received enthusiastic advice and guidance from the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. A. E. Wood, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the three honourable representatives on the Legislative Council, and the Permanent Committee of the Institute, and have been honoured with the presence of all you Ladies and Gentlemen. We are proud of this, and are very thankful to you.

The Po Leung Kuk was first founded in the 4th year of Kwong Sui of the late Tsing Dynasty (1878) with due approval of the Government by Mr. Lo Kang Young and other Directors. The Institute was maintained by subscriptions made by the Directors of various terms, and the two wards, the Ping On and the Fuk Shau, of the Tung Wah Hospital, were temporarily borrowed as its office. In the 17th year of Kwong Sui (1891) Mr. Lok Yam Ting and others—thirty in all—on appointment as Committee for raising subscriptions for the erection of a building for the Institute, succeeded in raising over \$30,000, and the Tung Wah Hospital gave a piece of land on loan for the erection of the proposed building.

Government Subsidy.

As the Institute is an organisation for assisting the Government in administering the Colony, a subsidy of \$20,000 was granted by the Government with the approval of the Colonial Secretary of State, and an Ordinance was enacted for the guidance of the Institute.

The erection was completed in the 22nd year of Kwong Sui (1896) and the ceremonies of laying the foundation stone and opening the door were performed by Sir William Robinson, the then Governor, and it is thirty-six years since. The Institute generally looks after cases in connection with kidnapping of women and girls, and disputes between husbands and wives, and the work it has done in the interests of women and children is by no means small. But in view of the limited area of the Institute, questions have arisen in respect of sanitation, and therefore in recent years, the Directors have proposed that a new building should be erected, but no suitable site could be found.

When we took up the charge of the Institute, we continued the project of our predecessors, and went forth to look for a site. Finally we succeeded in finding the site on which we are going to start the proposed erection. The Government approved of our application, and granted us the site measuring about 80,000 square feet. But the question of funds is one of the first importance. Therefore my colleagues and I hustled about day and night, collecting subscriptions from house to house, and fortunate-

ly succeeded in raising \$50,000 from the liberal and charitable community.

Liberal Contributions.

Sir Robert Ho Tung contributed \$50,000 as a filial memento of his late mother; Miss Lam Fuk Chi \$10,000 in memory of Mr. Lau Yu Fong, and Mr. J. E. Joseph who has made wide friendship among the Chinese; \$30,000 in remembrance of his late mother. Then through the introduction of many of you here, further subscriptions were secured, making a total of \$140,000. That we have been able to raise such a big sum within such a short period is in fact all owing to the enthusiasm you gentlemen have displayed in charity, and it will be due to the kindness of you charitable gentlemen, that better accommodation can be afforded to the women and girls of the Institute on the completion of the building.

However, the expenses of the Institute will grow after its removal, as the new building is much larger. Of the \$140,000 that has been secured, \$100,000 is to be spent on the erection of the building, leaving only \$40,000 that can be invested in property for the maintenance of the Institute. But the Institute has no funds of its own, and has to depend every year on the annual subscriptions made by different unions for its maintenance. When the expenses are increased, the interest yielded by the \$40,000 will not support the Institute. We hope in earnest that all people in the Colony will make subscriptions to the Institute with all liberality and enthusiasm so that it may have large funds of its own, and may be maintained forever.

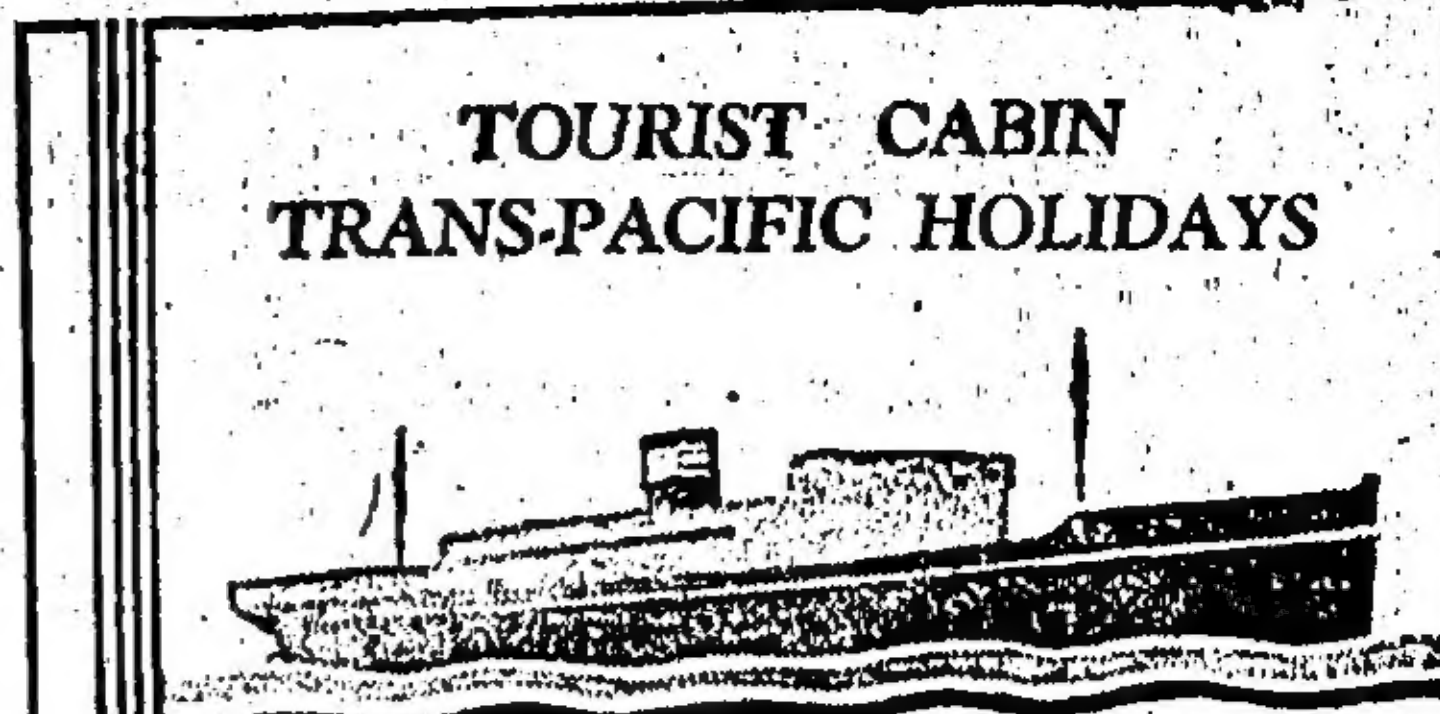
I beg respectfully to express on behalf of our colleagues our hearty thanks to H.E. the Governor for being kind enough to come to lay the foundation stone. We thank also all you ladies and gentlemen for your kind presence.

Mr. Tam Wun Tong served on the Committee of the Po Leung Kuk for the year 1925; was Chairman of the Tung Wah Hospital for 1929, and Chairman of Po Leung Kuk for 1930.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

H.E. the Governor, addressing the gathering, said:—

It gives me very great pleasure to come to-day to lay the foundation stone of this new building. Very soon after I arrived in Hong Kong, I visited the present Po Leung Kuk and was struck very much by two things—first by the time and energy spent by the Committee on the work of the Institution, and second by the inadequacy of the premises and the unsuitability of the site. In spite, how-



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ever, of these drawbacks, the Committee have done very fine work. In addition to the advice and help given by them to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, they have given practical help to many women and children. Usually over six hundred people are admitted to the Institution during the year, and in 1929, the last year of which I have seen the record, 370 women and children were restored to their relatives through the Kuk.

As soon as I found that the Committee desired this site for a new building, I investigated the matter and approved of it being given for the purpose. I recommended this to the Secretary of State, asking for telegraphic consent, which was duly received. Mr. Tam Wun Tong and his Committee have wasted no time, and I congratulate him most heartily on his successful efforts to raise the necessary funds, and I also congratulate those subscribers who have responded so magnificently to his appeal.

"Mui Tai" System.
Criticism has been levelled in various quarters on the existing mui tai system in this Colony. Some of the criticism is perhaps well founded, but a great deal of it is unjustified and without foundation. At the same time there are obvious defects in the system, and Government decided that it should gradually be eliminated. Registration was insisted upon, and also notification of any movement of the girls. No more mui tai are allowed to come into the Colony, so that in "due course" they will gradually cease to exist. An officer of the Chinese Secretariat devotes considerable time to questions connected with the mui tai, and I would ask for the further co-operation of individuals and bodies, whose help I gratefully acknowledge, in bringing to notice any breaches of the law. That cases of cruelty to children occur from time to time cannot be denied, but cruelty to children is not inherent in the mui tai system, nor is it confined to mui tai, or even adopted children, nor is it peculiar to the East. It is, however, a most despicable crime, and every effort is being made to bring offenders to justice.

I have referred to this matter because I wish to acknowledge the help given by the Po Leung Kuk in connection with these girls. The Committee have been of great assistance in temporarily taking in some of them, and assisting us to find their parents, in order that they may be returned to them. With the increased accommodation which will be provided by this new building, the Committee will be able to render even greater assistance in the future than in the past, to unfortunate women and children, in their continued assistance and co-operation. There will be accommodation for about one hundred persons. The present system of regular medical visits will be continued, and cases of sickness will be removed as necessary to the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital close by. I wish good luck to the new building.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

"ASSET TO THE COLONY": TRIBUTE BY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES YESTERDAY.

"St. Joseph's College is an asset to the Colony just as its old boys are salutary elements in this community, and in any other to which they may belong," said Mr. G. P. de Martin, M.B.E., Director of Education, at the annual prize giving of the College yesterday, and in so doing paid a deserved tribute to the institution for the splendid work it has done in the past. Mr. de Martin commented on the fact that the College was especially fortunate in having an efficient staff and in this connection said that "the careful selection of teachers is worth the sum of all the advice rained upon us."

In the course of his review of the year's work, Rev. Bro. Aimar, Director of the College, spoke in favour of the Junior Local examinations being continued, but qualified his statement by saying that studies in classes 3 and 4 would have to be more thorough, which meant stricter promotions in the future.

Prior to the distribution of prizes, a delightful concert was given by the students, which was enjoyed by a large audience of pupils, their parents and others interested in the College. Amongst those present were His Lordship Bishop Valtorre, the Consul General for France, Rev. Fr. G. Byrne, S.J., Rev. Fr. Gallagher, Sister Beatrice, and many others interested in educational matters in the Colony.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR BY BRO. AIMAR.

In reviewing the year's progress, the Rev. Bro. Aimar said:

Mr. de Martin, you have attended our College functions many times since 1921 which is, I believe, the first year that you inspected our classes. This year, as Director of Education, you have kindly consented to present prizes and diplomas to those of our pupils who have won them by their industry during the past year. I have much pleasure in bidding you a cordial welcome on behalf of the staff and pupils.

We miss Mr. Ralphs to-day. His reports on our work were always helpful and his visits encouraging. We beg to extend to him the expression of our grateful remembrance and our best wishes for many happy years in the homeland.

His Excellency the Governor honoured the College by a visit on Sept. 19. His Excellency's entry in the school log book is as follows:—"I visited the College and was much impressed by its buildings, accommodation and particularly by the pupils. They are a healthy and intelligent band of boys and the College is to be congratulated on its successful work. We are grateful to his Excellency for his encouraging words."

The average daily attendance in 1930 was 738. Mr. Sutherland, Inspector of English Schools, spent three days in inspecting our classes. He wrote in his report:—"I visited each class, where I inspected all written work, heard reading, and asked questions on most of their school subjects. All written work was good and carefully corrected. Reading was good throughout the school. I read personally pieces of unseen dictation in Classes 1 and 2. The results were very satisfactory. Colloquial was good in the Portuguese section and only fair in the Chinese section. Daily and easy unseen dictation tests and easy English dialogues might improve their English. I was pleased to see that full use is made of maps and atlases. The equipment is excellent and the school is very efficient."

School Honours.

We presented 31 candidates for the Matriculation or Senior Local examination. Nineteen passed the Matriculation, 8 of them being Portuguese, 8 Chinese and 3 of other nationalities. They won 22 distinctions: 3 in English, 12 in mathematics, 2 in Physics and Chemistry; 8 of the candidates passed with honours. They were Peter Tran Ba Tu, Francis Lim, Lucien Tjon, Ralph Poon, Jorge Remedios, Germano Ribeiro. Lucien Tjon was awarded the Sir Paul Chater Memorial Scholarship while Peter Tran Ba Tu and Francis Lim obtained first and second places respectively in the order of merit for the award of the Government Educational Scholarships. Nine of the successful candidates are now undergraduates in the University. We wish them all success in their studies.

Ninety seven candidates were presented for the Junior Local examination; 30 passed and won 37 distinctions chiefly in mathematics and Science; there were also 3 in Science and Ho Shiu Lai was the only candidate who passed with distinction in Chinese in the local examination.

During the past five years, 1926-1930, 17 of our boys have entered for the Matriculation or Senior Local examinations; 101 passed, 27 with honours. During the same period, out of 384 presented for the Junior Local, only 103 passed which is 26 per cent. These figures

show that a satisfactory proportion of those who passed the Junior Local were also successful in the Matriculation. The standard of the Junior having been raised in recent years, there is now a considerable gap between Class 3 and the Junior Class. To secure better results the studies in Class 4 and 5 will have to be more thorough in the fundamental subjects and the promotions more strict. This latter measure is invariably distasteful to boys and sometimes objected to by the parents. But I would ask them to bear in mind that the course of studies extends over a period of only eight years. During the past five years out of every 100 boys promoted from Class 4 to Class 5, 65 passed Class 5, 42 Class 4 and 25 Class 3. Thus 78 per cent either lag behind or leave school before having completed their secondary course. In our opinion the Junior Local is a good preliminary test and it would be an error to abolish it. The pupils need an incentive and a goal to aim at, and examinations are a wholesome stimulus for everybody—parents, teachers, and boys.

Physical Training.

Every effort is made for the physical training of our pupils. Each class gets its turn for drill, and all the pupils even the youngest, show by their attention and keenness that they appreciate it. In the matter of games we are handicapped by the size of the playground. In this connection we are deeply grateful to the military authorities for the use of the Murray Parade ground.

The College was visited in June and December by the medical officers for schools and in their report they state that the premises are as usual clean and in good order.

The Junior school in Chatham Road, Kowloon, had an average attendance of 155. The Inspector of Schools reported it as efficient.

On November 5, His Excellency the Governor laid the foundation stone of La Salle College. The work of levelling and construction has proceeded apace since that date and the contractor is confident that the buildings will be ready for occupation by the end of this year. I beg leave to say, a thing you already know, that our funds for the completion of the undertaking are running low. The furniture and equipment of class rooms, assembly hall, and laboratories will amount to a considerable sum. We would like these to be in keeping with the up-to-date building which is being erected and we therefore beg to appeal to the public and the old boys for contributions towards our funds. I shall knock at your doors on behalf of the best of all causes the cause of the education of the hundreds of children who will frequent La Salle College.

Generous Donations.

Before concluding I must express heartfelt thanks to Mr. Li Ping for his generous donation towards the La Salle College building fund; to Monsieur Dufaur de la Prade who this year obtained from the Governor General of Indo-China a beautiful prize and to the Consul General himself who has presented four prizes. French is taught in the higher classes during the hours allotted to Chinese and Portuguese, to those boys who, for various reasons, are not taking those languages. I beg to express to each and all the donors of prizes and scholarships my most sincere thanks. On behalf of the 30 bene-

ficiaries of the Woo Hay Tong Scholarships, the 40 of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and several of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society, I wish to express their gratitude as well as ours. It is pleasing to record that for those boys and a score of others on our free list, inability to pay fees is not a barrier to their education.

It now remains for me to thank Rev. Fr. Riganti who is responsible for the musical items in the programme. I thank you, Mr. de Martin, for giving away the prizes, His Excellency Bishop Valtorre for his patronage, and the ladies and gentlemen for their presence at this function. (Applause.)

MR. DE MARTIN'S SPEECH.

Replying to Bro. Aimar, Mr. de Martin said:

I expect that most of you have seen here and there on the roadside a notice board on which is depicted a torch and you are aware that this is a warning to drivers of cars that they are approaching a school and it is hoped that they will not knock people down as they come out. I do not know that all people connected with schools merit such tender consideration but my point is that it is a torch which is selected to indicate the proximity of a school and it is a suitable signal, for a torch bears light which is also the function of education. But it may occur to you that a torch bears fire and is sometimes used as the emblem of disorder. And here again, unfortunately, a torch may sometimes be a not in appropriate indication of a school.

If one asks what constitutes the difference between the schools of the light bearing and the fire bearing torch surely the answer is the quality of the teaching, the personality of the teachers and the spirit in which their work is done.

If the latter be lofty, or at least earnest; if there be training in reasonableness; if devotion to duty be inculcated by personal example; if the young people go forth not only materially equipped for the battle of life but also influenced by those elementary moral principles which everywhere and in every age have been the basis of civilisation and are yet to-day the condition of its continued existence; then such schools not only bear light into the minds and souls of their children but are the safest means of insuring the future well-being of any community.

Meaning of Education.

But if all this be absent? If the teachers do not make it their business that their charges shall learn of the claims of duty and leave them to pick up what they may of what are called rights; if trigonometry and such things come before discipline; if industry is held to have no intrinsic worth and is valued only for what can be got out of it; if moral principles to which no examination marks are attached be relegated to the lumber room; then such a school can be at best a mere machine for turning out commercial cogwheels and may be anything between that and a grave public danger.

It may seem strange that I should suggest to you that education may not always be an unmixed blessing, but it is just in that truth that lies the responsibility of those entrusted with the teaching of children.

It may be that not all teachers are conscious of this responsibility. It may be as well that they should not be, though I know many of them are. Just as it may be as well that the woodman should busy himself with the trees and be not concerned with the wood or that the surgeon should not be too conscious of the risk to his patient's life or the suffering he has to endure.

But would the owner of the timber regard the skill of his woodman as of little importance? And when we have a race course in the hands of a surgeon, does anything much matter except his ability to perform the operation?

We should think it strange to read an advertisement for an accountant in which the requirements would be a moderate degree of honesty, some acquaintance with elementary arithmetic, no previous experience. I have never read in a newspaper "Wanted a chauffeur, must be cheap, no previous experience in driving necessary, he can learn in my new, expensive Rolls Royce." (Laughter.) That is absurd, but then it never happens. (Laughter.) But I suggest to you that something of the sort can be discerned in the attitude frequently adopted towards the work of teachers. "Let them practise on the mind and soul of my child."

The Future.

Nor is it only to parents that the quality of the teaching and the personality of the teacher are of vital importance. The future of any community will be determined by those who are children to-day. It behoves us, therefore, to be careful under whose influence we allow these children to pass. For a school is not a shop. Nor do teachers, in exchange for school fees, hand over something with the production of which they are not

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PASSING OF OLD RESIDENT.

MR. O. MAKEHAM PASSES AWAY IN AUSTRALIA.

News reached the Colony yesterday of the death of Mr. O. K. Makeham, who retired from the Dairy Farm Company as recently as in August last. The death occurred in Australia on Sunday.

Mr. Makeham first joined the Dairy Farm Company over 35 years ago. He rendered fine service to the Company in many capacities and was largely responsible for introducing ice cream to Hong Kong, his experiments resulting in the Dairy Farm installing the modern plant now in operation. It was in August of last year that he retired from the position of Dairy Superintendent and in October he left with Mrs. Makeham with the intention of settling permanently in Australia, from which country he originally came to Hong Kong.

Mr. and Mrs. Makeham were very prominently associated with the Wanchai Wesleyan Church, of which for several years Mr. Makeham was the Secretary. They both took a leading part in the affairs of the Church and their departure last year was deeply regretted.

Much sympathy will be felt for the widow in the heavy loss which she has been called upon to bear.

concerned. They give of themselves. There are no lessons in a school literature or even in school mathematics. There are literature and mathematics plus the personality of Mr. X. Brother Y. or Miss Z.

As an educational policy the careful selection of teachers is worth the sum of all the advice rained upon us by the multitude of counsellors with which our trade is so generously provided.

Not that we have not, all of us, had reason to be grateful for advice contributed by men of good will and educational experience. For perhaps no profession more than the teacher's benefits from the pooling of experience.

There is even something to be learned from those happy persons who can formulate plans and criticize actualities in the placid environment of the oil-lit study where the boundary line, between the desirable and the attainable is not so clearly marked as it is with us.

But there are no perfect schools except those of theorists whose parents do not care whether their children can earn a living or not; where there is a continuous supply of teachers of the kind, in the quantity and at the moment they are required; where children are of a convenient and appealing uniformity and where financial resources are inexhaustible.

No Perfect Schools.

There are no perfect schools, not even St. Joseph's College, but we have learned by experience that there are quite possible positions in the scale between the "State of Denmark" and the paradise of the theorist.

High up in this scale gleams the torch of St. Joseph's College. The College is an asset to the Colony just as its old boys are salutary elements in this community, and in any other to which they may belong. I have to thank you, Brother Aimar, for the privilege you have conferred on me to-day. It has been a great joy to leave my desk and come again among these bright children and promising young men. The renewed consciousness that I am devoted staff and our colleagues in other schools in the work you are doing for these young people gives me a meaning and makes it worth while.

The Concert.

The programme of the Concert was as follows:—

1. "Cortège"—(Del Valle de Paz). Two pianos: Fr. A. Riganti and Prof. E. Gundl.
2. "Charity"—(G. Rossini). Three-Part Song, College Choir.
3. Trial Scene—Act IV., Scene 1. Shakespeare's "A Merchant of Venice." Shylock: H. Asomo. Portia: H. Ozorio. Antonio: J. Johnson. Bassanio: J. O'Sullivan. Gratiano: G. Roylance. Duke of Venice: T. Jeffery. Clerk: R. Shroff.
4. "The Snow"—(Ed. Elgar). Three-Part Song, College Choir. R. Domingo.
5. "Wishing"—A. R. Wallington. Three-Part Song, College Choir. God Save the King.

HONG KONG CHINESE TRADE MISSION.

INSPECTION OF GOVERNMENT WORKS AT CANTON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, Mar. 23.

The Chinese merchant visitors from Hong Kong, consisting of Sir Shou Son Chow, Dr. S. W. Tso, and Chen Lin Pak, Fung Ping Shan, Lee Shek Tsun, Sham Pak Ming, Kwok Shiu Lau, Lee Yick Mui, Leung Bat Yee and Chow Yu Ting, who came to Canton in response to the invitation of General Chen Ming Shu, returned to Hong Kong yesterday. Part of the delegation went by train and part by boat.

During their short stay they were lavishly entertained, the local authorities sparing no effort to make their visit interesting and worth while. They visited every place of interest, and the constructive work of the Government in progress was carefully explained and shown to them.

It was the desire of General Chen Ming Shu to impress these merchants from Hong Kong with the modernisation programme now being put into effect by the Canton Government with a view to getting them interested and investing money in it, but owing to lack of time no phase of the programme for a revival of trade and industry was discussed.

MEI LAN FANG.

RETURN VISIT TO SOUTH CHINA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, Mar. 23.

Dr. Mei Lan Fang, the celebrated actor, who has long captivated the minds of the theatre-going public with his art, has again consented to come to South China to give a series of performances in both Canton and Hong Kong. It will be remembered he was here two years ago with his troupe and scored a big success.

Arrangements have been made with the management of the Hoi Chu Theatre for Dr. Mei and his troupe to appear for a period of 10 days, beginning from April 24. After this the Mei party will proceed to Hong Kong to give another series of performances there.

The party will then return to Canton to give their final series of performances in the Hoi Chu.

Dr. Mei has long been acclaimed as an exponent of the Northern type of Chinese drama, just as Mr. Ma Shoo Tsiang is of the Chinese type. His impersonation of a female, his charming voice and inimitable acting have long been recognised and appreciated in the West as well as in the East. It was in recognition of his art that Pomona College, in the United States, conferred upon him an honorary doctor's degree last year when he was touring that country.

GIANT TOURIST LINER.

COLUMBUS ARRIVES FROM MANILA.

The s.s. Columbus, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday with nearly 300 sightseers, who, immediately upon landing, invaded the important shopping centres of the city, as well as paying visits to the beauty spots of the island.

The Columbus, which has a gross tonnage of 32,354 tons, is the largest ship seen in local waters, while it is also claimed that she is the largest vessel to circumnavigate the globe. She arrived outside the harbour at 6 o'clock, but did not come in until afternoon, when she tied up in mid-stream.

The passengers split up into two sections and yesterday they visited the Peak, Repulse Bay, and made the usual tour of the island.

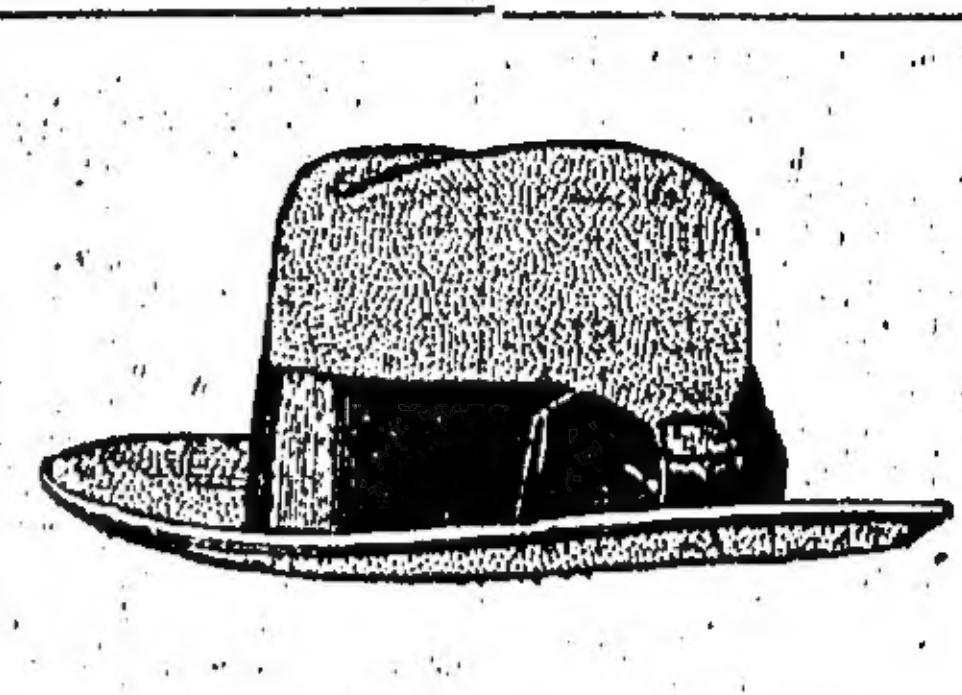
The tourist ship came from Manila and her next port of call is Chinwangtao. Though the humidity was rather high when they arrived, the visitors were able to enjoy their first glimpse of Hong Kong bathed in sunshine and the magnificent views from the Peak.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

1. IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WONG NAM, Late of S.S. "TUSALAN", RETURNED EMIGRANT, DECEASED.
2. IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SARWAN (or SARBAN SINGH), Late of No. 2, Bowen Road, WATCHMAN AND REGISTERED MONEY LENDER, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897 (No. 2 of 1897), made Orders limiting the Time for sending in Claims to or against the above Estates to the 10th DAY OF APRIL, 1931.

Creditors and Claimants are hereby required to send their Claims to the Underigned by the above Date.

Dated this 20th day of March, 1931.

E. P. H. LANG,
Official Administrator. [507]

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

- IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM ANTONIO GUARERINO, Late of the SHAMEN'S INSTITUTE, PRAYA EAST, VICTORIA, IN THE COLONY OF HONG KONG, ENGINEER, DECEASED.

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Dated this 20th day of March, 1931.

E. P. H. LANG,
Official Administrator. [508]

THE HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 30th MARCH, 1931, at NOON, for the purpose of considering the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1930.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 23rd to the 29th MARCH, 1931, Both Dates inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 17th March, 1931. [475]

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the Company's BOARD ROOM, 2nd Floor, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 31st MARCH, 1931, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ended DECEMBER 31st, 1930, electing Directors and Auditors, and for the Transference of any other Ordinary Business of the Company.

By Order of the Board,
D. L. KING,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 11th, 1931. [458]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 26th MARCH, 1931, until TUESDAY, 7th APRIL, 1931, Both Dates inclusive, instead of for the period previously notified.

By Order of the Board,

D. L. KING,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 21st, 1931. [501]

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Underigned on THURSDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1931, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1930.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED From the 12th to the 26th MARCH, 1931, Both Dates inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers,
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

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UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of Messrs. DODWELL & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, the 31st MARCH, 1931, at 5 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for 31st DECEMBER, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd MARCH to 31st MARCH, 1931, Both Dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.45 p.m., stated:—

The anti-cyclone over N.E. China is increasing in intensity. The depression is moving eastward, it is now central to the north of Tokyo. The monsoon will freshen along the S.E. Coast of China.

Local Forecast:—N. to N.E. winds, light to moderate; fine to cloudy.

MARRIAGE.

SCHUMACHER-GILMAN.—On March 17, at Shanghai, CECELIE RUTH, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. GILMAN, to Mr. ALFRED E. SCHUMACHER.

DEATH.

BRYAN.—On March 17, at Shanghai, ELIZABETH BRYAN, aged 60 years, dearly beloved mother of Mrs. J. W. HOON.

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MR. BROPHY'S FLIGHT.

Mr. G. W. Brophy left Macao on his attempt to fly to Manila as long ago as Thursday morning, and so far no trace of him has been found. The stretch of sea between here and the Philippines is a big place, but the thorough search that has been made by warships and aeroplanes has reduced to a minimum all hope of finding the gallant aviator. Everyone's sympathy will be extended to Mrs. Brophy, and the other members of the family, at this time of tragic anxiety. We can only hope that, like some of the ships posted overdue at Lloyd's, Mr. Brophy will duly reach harbour safe and well.

The toll of human life taken by aviation does not seem to diminish. Yesterday another smash in the Chinese air service had to be reported, and in today's issue we have to record further fatalities at Panama and at Brooklands, while an Australian plane is reported missing.

These occurrences are distressingly frequent, and it is hardly satisfactory to compare the number of planes now in use and the number of miles flown per diem with corresponding figures for those pioneer times when air fatalities were accepted as inevitable. In the early stages of flying risks were necessary in the furtherance of the science. Many of the casualties occurred in the conduct of experiments upon points that are now solved. What was once a calculated risk, taken for a definite purpose, can now be done with safety. Most of us remember when Mr. Dierker took his life in his hands and flew across the English Channel. To-day such a flight is hardly more of an adventure than a motor drive of the same distance, and less than a turn round a racing track. Regular services ply over great distances, the machines leaving and arriving with no more to do than a liner or an express train.

There are still, however, the pioneer and experimental flights, and here many of us feel that all is not well. It may seem paradoxical for a newspaper to decry publicity, but it is well to consider how far, at the present stage of development, publicity is not more of a hindrance than a help in the serious business of opening up new aviation routes. Aviation owes much to newspaper publicity. By means of substantial prizes, and generous public recognition of their feats, British aviators and inventors were stimulated by newspapers, notably the *Daily Mail*, to ever increasing effort. The nation at large was aroused, and its support enlisted for all that had to do with flying. Now, however, a position is being reached when humdrum

work has to be done. The lone flight of the adventurer is giving place to organisation of landing grounds, and the careful collection of data about weather conditions and other technical details.

We are, however, still in a transition stage, and flights like those of M. BURTIN and M. MOENCHE, the French aviators, are perpetually in progress. But there is already a certain element of creating records, for records' sake. The men, and the women engaged upon such enterprises submit themselves to special, and it would seem unnecessary, perils. Many of them have obtained world-wide celebrity.

Their admirers class them, perhaps unconsciously, with film stars, and wait to see what they will do next. The aviator conscious of this public gaze, like an actor, does not wish to disappoint his audience. He knows their impatience, and their speculation as to what he will do next. In that spirit Miss AMY JOHNSON attempted her flight from London to China, via Siberia. She started off without planning what she was going to do, and, most fortunately, was soon persuaded to go back home. If the fans were disappointed, it is to be hoped that they will find another favourite, and leave that gallant and skilful young woman to do work more worthy of her talent than providing publicity. If only Mr. BROPHY could have been content to wait till the weather settled before starting his flight, it might have been successfully accomplished. We do not know why he set out when he did, but the suspicion remains that he was hoping not to try the patience of the public too long.

We understand that his plane had neither wireless nor floats, and that he left when the weather report was by no means auspicious. A heavy responsibility must rest on any who urged the necessary haste in starting. Perhaps the events of these last few days will act as a reminder that aviation is a science and neither a theatrical nor a sporting display.

A GREAT DESERT EXPLORED.

Those who look at a map will see that Nejd, the heart of Arabia, the province which includes Mecca and Medina, is surrounded by sand deserts stretching from north to south in a semicircle: the Great Nefud, the Little Nefud, and the Rub' al Khali, or Great Southern Desert. The Rub' al Khali, a waste which is 850 miles across in one direction and 650 miles in the other, has hitherto been described as "wholly unexplored." Now, according to the Home papers, Mr. DENTHAM THOMAS, who is Finance Minister to the Sultan of Muscat, has crossed it from south to north, entering at a point on the Arabian Sea and emerging on the Persian Gulf. It is one of the major pieces of modern exploration. No white man, probably no man at all, has crossed this desert before. Its inhabitants, if any, are unfriendly; sandstorms and the threat of mortal thirst have protected it against intrusion. On the other hand, where nothing is known the more may the explorer add to knowledge. Except by surmise nothing is known about the interior of the Rub' al Khali. In the north the Syrian Desert, lying between Syria-Palestine and Mesopotamia, has been "opened up" by the war, and various explorers have disclosed something of the secrets of the Great and Little Nefud. But the questions that have been asked about the Rub' al Khali have gone unanswered: whether it is the bed of a former great inland sea, with its central sand dunes lying below the level of the present Arabian Sea; whether, as report has it, its depths conceal quicksands and salt marshes; or whether for the whole of its 650 miles from south to north it is nothing but sand and rock, and, if so, what formation these endless sand dunes have assumed under the grinding and transforming winds. To those and many other questions Mr. THOMAS will be able to give the first authoritative answer. In congratulating him on his achievement we may congratulate ourselves that in this perturbed age there are so many places like the Rub' al Khali which have still their secrets to reveal.

★ News and Views ★

The Googly Girl.

The Nottingham girl cricketer whose googly bowling attracted the admiration of R. W. V. Robins, the England bowler, when he saw her in action at the Notts County practice hall recently, is Miss Muriel Lowe, of West Bridgford, Richmond, the Notts and England player, who, like Robins, is a googly expert, says he is "amazed" at her skill.

Minimum Wage.

Johnny had been given the job of sweeping the snow away from his neighbour's front door. The neighbour came to the door and pressed a coin in his hand. Johnny looked at it. Not a word passed his lips. "Now, Johnny," said the neighbour, "what should a little boy say when he has been given a penny for sweeping the snow away?" "Dad says I mustn't use that kind of language," said the boy.

Queen Victoria and the Artist.

Sir William Rothenstein's recollections, "Men and Memories," promise to be the literary event possibly of the year. This is one of the gems. The author, sitting in the Cafe de la Paix with Oscar Wilde, was joined by the late Canon Woodville. Woodville had been painting a picture in which Queen Victoria was portrayed, and related how he received a command to take it to Windsor for inspection. The Queen examined the picture in silence, and then walked towards the door. "We are richer than that, Mr. Woodville."

Mr. Walpole's Thriller.

There are one or two interesting points about Mr. Hugh Walpole's new book "Above the Dark Circus." One is that it is a thriller. One is that it is a recreation in the midst of that immense chronicle of the Herries family, of which one large volume has already appeared, while another is promised. A second point is that it has not been produced as a book until a year after its serial publication in the *Evening Standard*. A third is that the publishers have paid the artist who illustrated the serial, Mr. Leo P. Dowd, the compliment of using one of his pictures for the wrapper of the book, and a very effective wrapper it makes.

Germany's Exports Increase.

Compared with January, Germany's imports for February this year show a substantial decrease while her exports show an increase of over sixty million marks. In February she had a favourable trade balance of over one hundred and fifty million marks.

Royal Forestry.

A lot of good forestry has been started in Windsor Great Park. Not only are many of the fallen elms and stag-headed oaks to be taken out, but extensive replanting is to be done, with especial consideration for the vistas. Fifty years hence holiday-makers may be thanking King George V. for the Windsor trees just as we now bless the memory of King William III. when we enjoy the chestnut avenue at Hampton Court.

A Sartorial Change.

Sartorial authorities of impeccable standing tell of the doom of the double-breasted dinner-jacket. "It is to go—so far as well-dressed men are concerned," runs the ukase. "Few, if any, are likely to be made this summer, which will see the return to the dinner-jacket of ten years or so ago, with a rather larger V-shaped waistcoat opening." The garment in question is something of a hybrid and an unsatisfactory affair. Let us of nights either dress or not dress. In a double-breasted dinner-jacket a man looks as if he were merely wearing a day suit with a black bow-tie—a rather slovenly compromise.

Preserving a Memorial.

Mr. Laurence Binyon's inscription on the British Museum war memorial has gradually been faded under the assault of the London atmosphere. Now it is almost unreadable. The Director has taken the matter in hand and the whole affair is to be done over in gold lettering. The lines of the inscription run: "They shall grow not old, As we that are left grow old, Age shall not weary them, Nor the years condemn, At the going down of the sun And in the morning We will remember them."

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Burtin and Moenche are planning to hop off from Tokyo on the 28th inst. on their return flight to France, following the same route as they came. Page 9.

Painful scenes were witnessed during the rescue work on the wreck of the "Royal Scot" ex-press, which left the rails near Leighton Buzzard, resulting in six killed and nine seriously injured. Page 9.

Miss Dorothy Lang, daughter of the well-known Scottish shipper of Greenock, has died as the result of shock sustained through having her leg amputated in extricating her from the wreck of the "Royal Scot" express. Page 9.

Official circles in Berlin are unable to understand the excitement in the European capitals over the Austro-German Tariff Convention, as it is contended that neither of the contracting parties has violated any of the obligations of both to retain their entire economic and political independence. Page 9.

★ Local Notes and Events ★

The staff and pupils of Quarry Bay School are holding their Spring Festival party at the school on Wednesday, April 1, at 11 a.m.

The Hong Kong Jockey Club advertise that, owing to congestion in the members' enclosure, the free passes to ladies will be restricted to one per member, as from April 1, 1931.

Among the passengers who arrived yesterday by the s.s. President Pierce was Mrs. McVay, wife of Admiral McVay, Commander-in-Chief of the Asiatic Fleet of the United States Navy.

The three Filipinos who pleaded guilty to having stowed away on the s.s. Invincible from Cebu on Friday last, made a second appearance before Mr. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, and were sentenced to six weeks' hard labour each.

Two Chinese were charged with highway robbery before Mr. Schofield yesterday, and on the application of the police, were remanded for 48 hours. The robbery, it is alleged, took place on Friday last when a contractor's foreman was robbed of \$810.

A slight collision between the s.s. Kiangsu of the China Navigation Company, and the Toyooka Maru, of the N.Y.K. Line, occurred in the Harbour at about 8 a.m. on Sunday. The Kiangsu's stern was slightly damaged while the Toyooka Maru was slightly damaged near the bow.

A caution was administered by Mr. Schofield on a student of King's College who was brought before his Worship on a charge of playing football in Lan Fat Street, Wanchai. It was stated in Court that when the Chinese constable warned the youth about playing football in the street the latter laughed at him.

A Chinese, Leung Shing, appeared before Mr. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, on a charge of theft of a watch and a sum of money, the property of Lieut. Henri Bergot, from the French cruiser Waldeck Rousseau. On the application of the police, the defendant was remanded until to-morrow.

Two Indian watchmen, Ranat Allah and Majid Allah, and a Chinese named Ho Ka Wo, living at 11, Parko Street, Yau-mat, were admitted into the Kowloon Hospital on Saturday, the two first-named in a serious condition, as the result of drinking tea which is believed to have contained some poisonous substance.

Two Chinese appeared before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court yesterday on charges of unlawful possession of large quantities of opium on the waterfront. One man, who had 20 tacks of prepared opium tied to his body, was fined \$2,400, while the other, who had 11 tacks strapped to him, was fined \$1,300.

A consignment of 3,000 human skeletons arrived in the Colony from Haiphong on the s.s. Albert Sarraut on Saturday. These skeletons are the remains of Chinese emigrants to Tonkin. The bones were exhumed recently and are being sent back to China for interment with proper "fun-shui." This consignment is the first of three consignments that are being sent back to China.

The case in which two Pathans charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm on three other Indians during an incident which occurred in January in Wanchai was mentioned before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday. His Worship fixed April 1 for the hearing of the case. "A very good date for this case," commented Mr. F. C. E. Rendall, who is representing one of the parties.

A daring highway robbery was reported to the Police on Sunday by a coolie foreman living at the Chung Fat boarding house. While he was walking along the waterfront on the Praya on Sunday night he was stopped by five or six men who had the appearance of water-front searchers, but who, in fact, were footpads. These men divested their victim of a gold watch and chain with several appendages and a small sum of money, the total loss amounting to something in the vicinity of \$300.

Falling in the way of a lorry, Lam Yung, a coolie, was killed instantly on Sunday at Prince Edward Road, when the wheels passed over his head.

Looking Back 25 Years.

We are glad to learn, and the public will share the rejoicing, that the entertainment of the Japanese and French naval visitors is not to be merely a cut-and-dried official affair. A meeting of some leading residents was convened on Thursday night by Sir Paul Chater in his office, to decide what the unofficial section of the community could and might do to make the visit of the Japanese and French fleets as pleasant as possible. The following Provisional Committee was formed: Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Hon. Mr. C. W. Dickinson, Hon. Mr. R. Shawan, Hon. Mr. Gershom Stewart, Messrs. J. R. M. Smith, D. R. Law, A. Babinington, A. G. Wood, A. H. Rennie, T. P. Cochrane, D. Nisiam, Levy, G. H. Medhurst, H. N. Mody, E. A. Hewett, T. F. Hough, Sir Paul Chater was elected Chairman, Mr. J. R. M. Smith, Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. Gershom Stewart, Hon. Secretary.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, March 24, 1906.

Looking Back 50 Years.

An important and highly interesting article on "Transit Passes in the Province of Kwangtung" deserves the thoughtful perusal of all those engaged or interested in commerce in this Colony. The writer calls attention to a fact that has clearly been overlooked, through causes which he explains, and that has seriously impeded the trade of Hong Kong. The Authorities at Canton have, not unnaturally, regarded from a Chinese point of view taken advantage of the supineness of the Hong Kong community, and neglected to afford the facilities for the transit of foreign goods stipulated for in the Treaty of Nanking. We have long been wishing for the opening of China to trade, and yet, strange to say, here in Hong Kong, we have neglected to claim the privileges granted by treaty, while the Kwangtung Authorities, forsooth, construe that neglect into repudiation and act accordingly.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, March 24, 1931.

TOKYO-PARIS
FLIGHT.FRENCH FLIERS' RETURN
JOURNEY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, Mar. 23.
Bartini and Moench are planning to hop off on the return flight to France on the 24th inst., weather permitting.
The aviators will follow the same route as they came to Tokyo.

CHINESE IN BROOKLANDS
CRASH.PASSENGER AND OWNER
INJURED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Mar. 22.
A Chinese named Alfred Yeakoh Wong was seriously injured through crashing in a private aeroplane at Brooklands aerodrome to-day.
The plane was piloted by an Indian, T. H. Dastur.
It is understood that the owner of the machine was also slightly injured.

AUSTRALIAN PLANE
DISAPPEARS.TWO PILOTS AND FIVE PAS-
SENGERS ABOARD.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Melbourne, Mar. 22.
Anxiety is felt in regard to the fate of the National Airways machine with two pilots and five passengers aboard which has been missing somewhere between Sydney and Melbourne.
The aeroplane was last sighted at 3.30 p.m. yesterday at Wangaratta, 145 miles north of Melbourne, flying towards the mountains.
Five planes searched for her all day long without result.

AMERICAN AEROPLANE
CRASHES IN PANAMA.TWO AIRMEN DROWNED IN
CANAL.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Mar. 22.
Two United States airmen were drowned in the Panama Canal to-day when their machine crashed.

YUNNAN SITUATION NOW
NORMAL.EXPEDITING MILITARY
REORGANISATION.

(Chin Wan Yat Pao.)

NANKING, Mar. 23.
Marshal Chiang Kai Shek has wired to Yunnan instructing General Lung Yun, the leader of the Provincial Government of Yunnan, to expedite the military reorganization and disbandment plan in Yunnan, and stating that the four Generals who had recently attempted to resist the disbandment of those mercenaries under their respective commands should be sternly reprimanded.
According to a report from Yunnan, the political situation in Yunnan has become normal with the return to the provincial capital of General Lung Yun.

AMERICAN WHEAT CROP.

NO GOVERNMENT STABILISA-
TION OF PRICES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22.
The Farm Board has warned the wheat farmers that no Government stabilisation of prices will be attempted in connection with the 1931 crop.
In issuing the warning, the Chairman of the Board again emphasized the necessity of limiting the domestic production to meet the demand.
The Board did not indicate any change of policy regarding 1930 wheat, which is now being stabilized by purchases of the surplus stocks, and did not make any mention of its intentions in connection with the cotton crop, of which large stabilisation purchases have already been made.

ALL-INDIA CONGRESS
AT KARACHI.IMMINENT EXECUTIONS
UNSETTLE PLANS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

KARACHI, Mar. 22.
The news of the imminence of the execution of three men who were sentenced to death in connection with the Lahore conspiracy case is unsettling the arrangements for the All-India Congress, which is to open here on Tuesday.
Pending the result of the applications on behalf of those condemned; which are to be made by the Indian Defence and which the High Court will hear to-morrow, the Address of Welcome by Dr. Gidwani, the chairman of the reception committee, which had been prepared on the assumption that the sentences would be commuted and which urged participation in the Round Table Conference, has been held over.
If the sentence is carried out, Dr. Gidwani will advocate the rejection of the idea of co-operation in the Conference.

An Association Press message stated that Gandhi, in a speech at Bombay, declared that Congress at Karachi would reassert the resolution adopted at Lahore last year, declaring for unequivocal independence.

DISARMAMENT IN
THE AIR.BRITAIN FIFTH IN LIST OF
AIR POWERS.

ESTIMATES BEFORE HOUSE.

London, Mar. 17.—Without the formality of a recorded vote the House of Commons to-night approved the air estimates as submitted and defended by Lord Amulree, the Secretary of State for Air.
The estimates provide for an expenditure of £18,100,000. They were approved after the Conservatives, headed by Sir Samuel Hoare, and the Liberals, headed by Sir Herbert Samuel, had reversed their usual role of condemning the Government's alleged extravagance. They attacked the estimates as insufficient to provide Britain with an adequate air defence in view of the greatly superior strength of the Italian and French air forces.
Sir Herbert and Sir Samuel also urged larger expenditures for the support of civil aviation as a reservoir from which to draw pilots and machines in the event of war. They have, when their respective parties have been in power, been charged with the administration of Britain's air forces.

Greatest Economy.

Mr. Frederick Montague, Air Under-Secretary, in supporting the £18,100,000 appropriation for the air service, reviewed the past year and the progress that has been made by British aviation. He emphasized that the Government is exercising the utmost in economy and he declared that by the end of 1931 Britain will have 42 squadrons with an approximate first-line strength of 400 aircraft. Of this number, Mr. Montague said, only 66 per cent. will belong to units in the regular air force.
"Actually," Mr. Montague told the House, "we shall have ten squadrons fewer than provided for in the original scheme for air defence which was promulgated in 1923 for completion by the end of 1930. Great Britain to-day stands fifth in the first-line strength among the world's air powers. Moreover, our strength is more widely distributed and it must bear a bigger responsibility abroad."

No Race in Air Armaments.

"The current British air expenditures is approximately one per cent. below that of 1923 whereas the French expenditure has increased from 130 to 140 per cent. The Italian air expenditure in the same period has increased 40 per cent. and that of the United States has increased 150 to 160 per cent.
"Great Britain has no desire to indulge in a race for air armaments, and she anticipates substantial results from the world disarmament conference of 1932," Mr. Montague concluded.
After the Air Under-Secretary's speech the spokesmen for the Conservatives and the Liberals made their attack on the air estimates on the grounds of their being inadequate and then the Commons proceeded to give its approval.

AUSTRO-GERMAN
CUSTOMS PACT.INFRINGEMENT OF GENEVA
PROTOCOL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

VIENNA, May 22.
A move by three Continental Powers—apparently to torpedo the proposed Austro-German Customs Union occurred yesterday when the diplomatic representatives of France, Czechoslovakia and Italy called upon Dr. Schuler, the Foreign Minister, and pointed out that the conclusion of such a union would infringe the Geneva Protocol of October 4, 1922.

The Protocol was signed on the League of Nations' undertaking to lend Austria 600,000,000 gold kroner for the rehabilitation of the country.
Britain and the three countries mentioned guaranteed 80 per cent. of the loan.
The Protocol was drawn up to protect Austria's independence, Italy, for instance, having suggested that control should be exercised by the guarantors and not by the League.

Nineteenth Century History
Repeating Itself.

PARIS, Mar. 23.
Distinct fears of a repetition of nineteenth century history when a Customs Union proved to be a precursor of a political union between Austria and Germany, are being expressed by the newspapers, which regard the new Austro-German agreement as the edge of a wedge to be driven through the article of the Peace Treaty forbidding an Austro-German political union, except with the agreement of every member of the League Council.

Several evening journals speak as though the Anschluss (union) were more or less accomplished.
The Journal des Debats adds dramatically: "And Anschluss means Mittel-Europa."

Economic Activity Expected.

M. Briand has been busy all day long in diplomatic exchanges, a foretaste of the hectic activity expected in the near future.

Austro-German Economic and
Political Independence Intact.

BERLIN, Mar. 23.
Official circles are unable to understand the excitement in European capitals over the Austro-German Tariff Convention.
It is reiterated that the agreement does not conflict with existing obligations, but is the first step towards the economic unity of the United States of Europe, of which M. Briand is an ardent propagandist.

Hitherto there have been no protests from foreign Powers here, and none are expected in official quarters, as it is contended that neither Austria nor Germany has violated any of the obligations of both to retain their entire economic and political independence.

JAPANESE INVASION OF
EGYPT.SILK CHEAPER THAN
BRITISH COTTON.

Sheffield, Mar. 17.—Speaking before the Sheffield chamber of commerce on the observations of the recent British trade mission to Egypt Sir Arthur Balfour to-day devoted special comment to the Japanese invasion of the Egyptian market.
"The Japanese are selling silk articles in Egypt at a lower price than can be obtained for Manchester's finest cotton textiles," Sir Arthur said. "Unfortunately this possibility was never foreseen when the tariffs were created and under which Manchester goods made from Egyptian cotton are actually higher in price than silk."

Sir Arthur said that British manufacturers must make a more intensive study of Egyptian requirements if they expect to compete successfully against French, Italian, Greek and Japanese products.

COMMUNITY CAFES FOR
RUSSIA.U.S. ENGINEERS TO BUILD
PLANT.

Chicago, March 17.—Mr. Owen Weber and eleven other engineers specializing in restaurant and kitchen equipment to-day started a journey from Chicago to Soviet Russia where they will build twelve community eating houses in the principal cities.

The community eating houses which the American engineers are to construct in the land of the Communists will have a combined capacity of 500,000 meals a day.

Mr. Weber and his party some time ago were invited to begin their work in Russia by the Moscow Government. The United Press learns: A number of domestic science teachers are accompanying Mr. Weber. They will instruct the Russians in cooking and the modern methods of preparing food for human consumption.

LINER MONTCLARE
REFLOATED.NO SERIOUS DAMAGE
SUSTAINED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 22.
The Canadian Pacific liner Montclare, which ran aground in a fog in the Firth of Clyde, has been refloated.
A preliminary examination reveals that the vessel has not been seriously damaged.

MISSION RE-UNION
AT WENCHOW.BANDITS AND CHINESE
CHRISTIANS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Wenchow, Chekiang, Mar. 13.
At the time of writing Wenchow is enjoying its third day of Spring sunshine; of blue skies and foliage, answering the wooing of the genial breezes from the warm Pacific. "The cock's shrill clatter" heard on these glorious mornings has an added intensity as it endeavours his utmost to emulate the joyous song of the mellifluous blackbird or the adoring warbling of Browning's "wise thrush" who "sings each song twice over."
Let you should think he never could recapture

"The first fine careless rapture." Fullbloom pansies, shimmering crocuses, and abundant incense-breathing wall-flowers are now in full dress apparel in our gardens making us exiles yearn for the home-land as Browning sensed it in the month of April.

Last week the members of the Methodist Mission, and earlier those of the China Inland Mission, would have been doubly glad of such weather, for hundreds of representatives to the Annual District Meetings held in this city had to meet during day after day of almost incessant rain and raw weather. But unaccommodating climatic conditions were for the former mission especially, as it was gratifying to the organizers of the meetings to find such a very large attendance, members having come in some instances from churches two or three days distant. Encouraging was the sight of such a large array of young Chinese countrymen representing their churches far and near. The writer whose acquaintance with these annual meetings goes back 24 years does not remember such a series of meetings here where the youthful element was so strong. That the Church is not without strength is evidenced not only by this fact, but also by the fact that in spite of years of widespread rapine, incendiarism and wholesale murder, the numbers are down from last year by only eight. The reports were mostly very encouraging and especially to know that some of the districts, inaccessible on account of banditry and Red pugnacity, by foreigners for some years, are now pronounced quiescent enough to admit of foreign visitation. Rev. F. and Mrs. Worley, of the C.I.M., have gone up-country in pursuit of their work for about a month. The Misses Simpson and Doidge, B.A., of the Methodist Mission are 25 miles away south holding Bible Classes for dozens of women, and on Christian Endeavour Work.

The Homing Instinct!

At the recent annual meetings referred to one of the Pastors reported the condition of his district, told of a Christian family there living on the hills which was raided by bandits. A youth, their son, was seized and carried off bound, and the household poultry were also taken. During the brief period of his captivity, he employed some of his time in prayer, and managed to free himself of his bonds, then made his escape, returning to his home. Whether it was that the ox by its noise proved too dangerous a possession or for some other reason was found too troublesome, did not transpire, but the ox also found its way home, and eventually so did the chickens. Another pastor told of a tiny little hamlet, perched on the very brow of a precipitous hill known to his correspondent, being also attacked and a Christian family there lost all their food, clothing and other articles of daily use. The local pastor helped them in their extremity with a gift of several dollars which the recipients subsequently repaid him.

G.M. Ship's Adventure.

The China Merchants' s.s. Kwangchi was two days overdue on its trip from Shanghai last week, it having had to go to the rescue of the crew of the same company's s.s. Hanchang wrecked in the vicinity of Gushan, whence it is said, the news was wireless by the lighthouse keeper.

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SCOTCH EXPRESS
DISASTER.SIX PERISH AND NINE
SERIOUSLY INJURED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Mar. 22.
It was the crack express "Royal Scot" which jumped the metals near Leighton Buzzard to-day. The engine and three coaches were completely wrecked, and 12 of the following coaches also jumped the rails.
An official statement issued by the company announces that six persons were killed in the disaster, including the driver and the fireman. Nine others were very seriously injured and a number were less seriously hurt.

Dramatic Rescue Work.

LONDON, Mar. 22.
By the light of acetylene flares the rescue work was continued till last night on the twisted wreckage that once was the "Royal Scot," the fastest train in the world, which achieved the record on the non-stop run from London to Glasgow, a distance of 400 miles, in 1928, and recently attained a speed of 90 miles an hour.

Passengers Imprisoned.
The express yesterday was approaching a speed of 70 miles an hour when the engine reared like a horse and alighted on its side with a shrieking hiss, while the carriages piled up like a contorted snake, imprisoning the passengers for many hours.

Hefty rescuers wielding hatchets and crowbars and mechanics operating oxy-acetylene apparatus sliced the girders to release the sufferers, and the surgeons used saws and knives.

Dying Passenger's Fortitude.

In one case the workers spent three hours trying to reach a man who sipped brandy and expressed his gratitude for their efforts and finally died. His body still remains unextricated and unidentified.

Tragic Birthday Celebration.

Mrs. Margaret Lang and her daughter Dorothy were kept alive with oxygen for a similar period. Miss Dorothy Lang's foot was amputated before it was realised that it was her eighteenth birthday.

Sir George Saltmarsh Killed.

The fatalities include Sir George Saltmarsh who was identified by means of the papers in his pocket.

The late Sir George Saltmarsh was a member of the Hertford County Council and a J.P. for Herts. He was an original member of the Port of London Authority, and a member of the Executive Committee to deal with certain Prize Court cases in 1914. He was also a member of the Indian Wheat Committee in the following year, and Director of Grain Storage to the Board of Agriculture in 1916-1918, a member of the Grain Supplies Committee, Vice-Chairman of the All-India Wheat Purchasing Commission, a member of the Royal Commission on Wheat Supplies, of which he became Vice-Chairman. He was one of the British representatives on the Wheat Executive.

Death of Miss Dorothy Lang.

Miss Dorothy Lang, aged 18, of Greenock, whose leg was amputated before she could be released from the wreckage of the "Royal Scot" express, has died.

The deceased's father is the well-known Scottish shipper.

This death-roll is now six. It was at first learned that an unknown passenger was among the dead, but it is now believed that he has been accounted for.

A Narrow Escape.

News was received yesterday from Miss Simpson of the Methodist Mission that she had a very narrow escape from possible drowning on her trip down south. Arrived by canal steam launch at her destination for ten days, she had taken her seat in a ricksha when the coolie pulling her got into a quarrel with another, and in his anger loosed his hands whereon the ricksha went up backwards, and Miss Simpson only saved herself from immersion in the deep canal over the side of which she hung by getting hold of a post near. She could not extricate herself, but happily a Chinese came to her aid and liberated her. Last year owing to trouble with a recalcitrant pupil in their school, the Seventh Day Adventists had to close it. The local Chinese Press a week or so since reported that the Education Authorities now refuse to allow them to reopen unless it is re-registered.

Good Schooling.

The Methodist Theological Institute has reopened after the winter vacation, the students are again working vigorously. They have a high standard to live up to for during the past year's examinations the four students examined gained total percentages respectively of 84, 80, 89 and 93 for the eleven subjects taken.

CRUISE OF THE
NAUTILUS.SUBMARINE TRIP TO
NORTH POLE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Mar. 22.
A sorrowful start to her remarkable Polar expedition has been made by the Nautilus, which arrived at Brooklyn to-day with her flag flying at half-mast.
It was learned that the crew were in mourning for the quartermaster, named Grimmer, who was swept overboard and drowned in the course of the trip from Philadelphia to New York.
The Nautilus has come to New York to be formally christened by Mr. Jean Jules Verne, the grandson of the famous French author of "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea."

START OF PERILOUS
VENTURE.

CAMDEN, N.J., Mar. 10.—Aboard the submarine in which he hopes to make the first undersea voyage to the North Pole Captain Sir Hubert Wilkins, the famous Australian Arctic and Antarctic explorer, to-day sailed away from Camden for the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

At Brooklyn Sir Hubert and the members of his crew will receive the co-operation of the United States Navy in making final preparations for the voyage to the Polar regions. After the work at the navy yard has been completed Sir Hubert will cruise in his submarine to Providence, Rhode Island, where Mr. Jean Jules Verne, the grandson of the famous author of fantastic tales, Jules Verne, will christen the polar undersea ship the Nautilus.

Base at Spitzbergen.

The christening performed, the Nautilus, with Sir Hubert and his men aboard, will sail to London and thence to Spitzbergen, where they will make their base. From the Spitzbergen base they will thoroughly explore the polar ice cap, attempting to cruise beneath the top of the world as far as it is possible to go under water.

Sir Hubert and others have travelled both the North and South polar regions by aeroplane, but never before has a journey under the ice been attempted. Sir Hubert's effort is fraught with danger, but he believes that he can reveal new chapters of hitherto hidden scientific knowledge. The Nautilus has been lent to Sir Hubert by the United States navy, which is rendering all possible aid in behalf of the Australian explorer's effort to take a submarine to the top of the world.

It is expected that several months must pass before the effort of Sir Hubert is successful. Careful study of marine conditions over a wide area must be made even after the Spitzbergen base of the Nautilus has been established.

Anchor in White Goose Bay off
Shameen.

Tonight at 7.30 Vice-Admiral Kelly will be the guest of honour at a banquet to be given by General Chen Ming Shu, General Chen Tsi Tong and Mayor Lin Yun Koy in Government House. All the members of the Consular Body in Canton are also invited.

VICE-ADMIRAL SIR
HOWARD KELLY.LAVISH HOSPITALITY
AT CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Mar. 23.

Vice-Admiral Sir Howard Kelly, Commander-in-Chief of H.B.M. Squadron in China, who arrived in Canton last Saturday on a visit, is being fêted by the local authorities.

When the British gunboat carrying the Vice-Admiral entered Whampoa, the gunboat Chungshan fired a salute, which the British gunboat replied.

After an exchange of greetings with Commander Chen Tik, Vice-Admiral Kelly was escorted to the Chungshan, in which gunboat he came to Canton.

Upon landing at the Government wharf at Tin Tze Ma Tau, the distinguished visitors were taken to the Canton Naval Headquarters. The naval band at the wharf added further warmth to the welcome of the Canton Government and the detachment of picked Marines standing on guard made the occasion all the more dignified. After a rest the distinguished visitor was escorted to the Victoria Hotel on Shameen, where he is staying.

Yesterday morning at 10 o'clock Vice-Admiral Kelly and his staff were the guests of honour at a luncheon given by General Chen Ming Shu, General Chen Tsi Tong, and Mayor Lin Yun Koy in the Tsoi Si Club in Tungshan. Practically all the high officials of the Canton Government were present.

In the evening, the British Vice-Admiral was the guest of honour of Admiral Chen Chak, Commander-in-Chief of the Canton Navy, at an elaborate banquet given in the Naval Headquarters.

The British visitor, accompanied by his staff, H.B.M. Consul-General Herbert Phillips and other members of the British Consulate in Canton, proceeded to the banquet in several automobiles, and were greeted by Admiral Chen Chak and others.

During the course of the banquet Admiral Chen Chak, as host, delivered a short speech of welcome, saying, among other things, that he was exceedingly glad to have Vice-Admiral Sir Howard Kelly and his staff visit Canton. The occasion was looked upon as an opportunity for strengthening Sino-British friendship. Ever since the establishment of the Central Government at Nanking, he went on, Great Britain has been most sympathetic and helpful towards China's programme for reconstruction. Great Britain has also extended a helping hand in the matter of making the Chinese Navy more efficient.

In concluding, Admiral Chen Chak lavished unstinted praise upon the guest of honour, saying in substance that the British Government is to be congratulated upon having him in its service.

Vice-Admiral Kelly replied, thanking his host heartily for the hospitality shown him.

To-day at noon Vice-Admiral Kelly invited General Chen Ming Shu, General Chen Tsi Tong, Admiral Chen Chak and others to luncheon on board his flagship at (Continued on previous column.)

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Sports News

JUNIOR CRICKET NOTES.

INDIANS WIN DIVISION II. SHIELD.

[By "L.B.W."]

My first duty this week is to congratulate the Indian Recreation Club on winning the second division championship and I feel sure that those who have followed the game closely will agree with me that they thoroughly deserve the honour. They played their last fixture on Saturday—against the Craigengower Cricket Club—and a draw would have seriously jeopardised their chances of finishing on the top of the league table as the Civil Service Cricket Club were only three and a half points behind (taking it for granted that they get one and a half points for their tie with Club de Recreo) with two matches in hand, but the Indians won through and it is now impossible for any other team to overtake them.

The Morning Rain.

I was very doubtful whether the match would come off as the rain was falling incessantly early in the morning but an inspection of the pitch just before the match showed that it was all right. Muskett called correctly in the spin and sent the Indians in on what appeared to be a soft wicket. As usual, M. P. Madar and J. S. Ackber started the innings for the Indians and they were anything but respectful to the Craigengower bowlers, with the result that the thirty was hoisted after play had been in progress for about a quarter of an hour.

Four runs later, Madar, who by the way, had played an unusually enterprising innings, failed to get hold of one properly from Way and was well-taken by Modi at backward point. A. R. Sufiad went in and started off confidently settling down to play steady cricket but about this stage, the rate of scoring slackened somewhat though Ackber was getting 'em away very well. Way was keeping a very good length and Sufiad gave the impression that he did not like this bowler at all. After he scored 24, he was bowled neck and croon by one which appeared to have hung a little. Meanwhile Ackber was going great guns, exploiting a late square-cut to good advantage though he was not timing his shots on the leg very well. A. S. Sufiad joined Ackber but was stamped after he had made 6 runs. Heptula (who took Sufiad's place) played an unusually restrained innings, being content to place his shots instead of jumping out as he usually does. In any case he stayed till the 147 went up, his own contribution being 31. Ackber had already completed his half-century when Aroulli joined him and these two brought the total to 164 for 4 when the innings was declared closed.

Ackber played a capital knock although he gave a difficult chance to Leonard at slips early on. He did most of his scoring on the off but Heptula's knock was indeed a delight to watch, particularly the way he placed the ball between square-leg and mid on time and again. Madar, too, rose to the occasion splendidly for although he made only 18, he took the heart out of the Craigengower bowlers, knocking up his runs in a most unceremonious fashion.

Craigengower Bat.

Faced with this big score, the Happy Valley team started with J. W. Leonard and W. R. Way. The former took the first over but left the first four that Aroulli sent down (outside the off stump) well alone. The fifth one, however, pitched on the middle-and-leg peg and in trying to glance it Leonard got his leg in front and the umpire upheld the bowler's appeal. Then Eric Souza (I believe he is still a school-boy and plays for St. Joseph's College) came out and was shaping quite well till he let go at one and was taken by Aroulli at silly-mid-on. It was a rather hard one-handed catch and with all respect to him, I do not think the slider knew very much about it! I will not go into details but suffice it to say that the Craigengower team failed miserably with the exception of S. Abbas and T. Grimes, who put up quite a stubborn stand for the third wicket. For the Indians, Aroulli took four wickets for eighteen runs while A. M. Rumjahn had three for 18. And no—the destination of the shield is decided for yet another season. Let us hope that the competition for it will be just as keen when the next season opens.

The Champions.

It has been said that the champions have no brilliant individualist in their number and with that statement I am rather inclined to agree. They have a very well balanced side and what is more they are a very young lot—the average age of the team is somewhere in the neighbourhood of 21.

M. P. Madar, J. S. Ackber, A. R. Sufiad, A. R. H. Email and E. Heptula were their most consistent run-getters while A. M. Rumjahn, M. R. Abbas, A. S. Sufiad and F. M. el Aroulli have borne the brunt of the attack. Their fielding, however, has not been very satisfactory and there is quite a lot of room for improvement in this department. But for keener I doubt whether there is another team in the competition to touch them. They have had a pretty anxious last half of the season but have come out second best to none. Well played, I.R.C., well played!

The Kowloon Match.

The University did extremely well to beat the strong Kowloon team and I am rather inclined to think the wet state of the ground had a lot to do with it. While talking (or should it be writing?) about Kowloon, I am indeed surprised that they have not done better. They are a very strong team but I suppose it is the glorious uncertainty of the game that makes up for the weaker sides. I have no doubt, however, that if they still have F. E. Skinner, F. S. W. Smith, G. Lee and N. Mackay in their ranks next season, they will give the other Clubs a lot to think about.

YACHTING.

PRESENTED CUPS (LADIES).

The races for the Presented Cups were run yesterday afternoon and resulted as follows:—
Course—1. Channel Rocks (P.); 2. Kowloon Rock (P.); 3. Mark on Line (S.); 4. Cust Rock Mark on Line (S.). Distance: 3.5 miles.

"H" Class.

(Started at 3 p.m.)

	Fished.	Ctd.	Times	Times	Pan.
Diana (Mrs. E. M. Bingham)	4.34.21	1.32	6	2	
Rolla (Mrs. T. Thorpe)	4.31.25	4.29.14	1		
La Linda (Mrs. J. Mackie)	4.33.24	4.30.44	1		
Argulla II (Mrs. M. E. Pearce)	4.40.32	4.34.35	3		

"I," "Y" and "G" Class.

(Started at 3.05 p.m.)

	Fished.	Ctd.	Times	Times	Pan.
Why Wonder? (Mrs. P. Fowkes)	4.35.17	4.57	5	4	
Wings (Mrs. G. E. Flood)	D.N.F.				
Boojum (Mrs. G. Pickering)	4.52.32	4.51.20	3		
Speedwell (Mrs. N. Stewart)	4.47.34	4.40.42	1		
Daphne (Mrs. M. de Linde)	4.50.53	4.50.53	2		

RE-SAIL 5th CRUISER CHAMPIONSHIP.

The result of the 5th Cruiser Championship was held on Sunday and resulted as follows:—
Course—Cheung Chan (P.). Distance: 25 miles.

	Fished.	Ctd.	Pts.	Times	Times
Azuma (6), (Mr. E. B. Lambert)	10.47.45	9.59.27	10		
La Cigale (1), (Mr. N. Croucher)	6.34.40	6.34.40	10		
Irish (2), (Mr. A. A. A. A. A.)	10.07.55	8.01.25	14		
Norseman (3), (Lt. Nicholson)	10.05.03	9.21.51	12		
U. & I. (4), (Mr. H. S. Rowe)	10.05.03	9.21.51	12		
Curlew	D.N.F.				
Wanderer (5), (Mr. F. Baker)	9.59.11	9.25.02	11		
Snipe	D.N.F.				

SIM SHIELD HOCKEY.

CLUB TEAM FOR TO-MORROW.

The following will represent the Club against Navy in the final of the Sim Shield to-morrow at 4.15 p.m., on the U.S.R.C. ground:—
Gregory; J. Rodger, A. Botelho; W. Reed, A. Dand, A. Noronha; H. Owen Hughes, G. E. R. Divett, G. Skipp, C. Francois, and G. P. Tammert.

H.K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

FAVOURITES CONSOLIDATING.

SULLIVAN ADVANCES.

Considerable interest centred in yesterday's Open Championship matches, as several favourites featured in advanced rounds. Competition has now reached a stage in which only those who have attained a good standard can have any real claim to be still in the running for honours, so that the results of the week's matches should have far-reaching effects.

Yesterday three matches were decided in the Open Doubles. Although they did not produce any struggle, the winners have placed themselves in commanding positions, in fact among the last eight. The Rumjahn cousins showed convincing form, and in a fast match beat Ho Wai Hing and Lu Tak Lam in straight sets. They took up the aggressive right from the start and never relaxed, eventually finishing by 6-2, 6-2. The Chinese, however, played as well as their opponents allowed them, but did not show up badly at all, their attempt to engage the Rumjahns at the proper doubles game, instead of adopting a purely defensive game, being much appreciated by the gallery. The Indians now meet either the Fincher brothers or Ng Kam Chuen and Tsai.

In the second match, Honda and Akiyama met and defeated F. A. Redmond and E. T. Ride in straight sets. The Japanese gave a very consistent performance throughout, and by adopting varied tactics, they often broke their opponent's game successfully. In this Honda played an important part. Redmond and Ride proved rather patchy, matching the Japanese very well at times, but falling off repeatedly when least expected. Towards the end, they rallied splendidly, and seemed good enough to stretch their opponents, but after pulling up from 2-5 to 4-5, they failed to draw level, losing the set at 4-6.

The Lo brothers occupied the Stand Court, where they beat A. H. Rumjahn and A. H. Madar easily.

Sullivan Wins.

In the only Open Singles match played, Sullivan accounted for Chiu Chun Chiu, and thus places himself in a favourable position to enter the semi-final. He now awaits the winner of the tie between M. W. Lo and M. K. Lo. He proved to be in fine driving form yesterday, sweeping Chiu off his feet in the second set. The Chinese, however, put a stiff defence in the following set, and settling down to his own game, mixed his shots up so well that Sullivan could take no liberties. The latter, although maintaining the aggressive found Chiu hard to beat, and only succeeded in winning the set after a prolonged struggle.

Goldman entered the semi-final of the Club Championship by beating Segalen, thus qualifying to meet Petch.

RESULTS.

The detailed results follow:—

Open Singles.

4th Round.

A. L. Sullivan beat Chiu Chun Chiu, 6-1, 8-6.
H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn beat Ho Wai Hing and Lu Tak Lam, 6-2, 6-2.
T. Honda and T. Akiyama beat L. Ride and F. A. Redmond, 6-1, 6-4.
M. K. Lo and M. W. Lo beat A. H. Rumjahn and A. H. Madar, 6-3, 6-0.

Club Championship.

L. Goldman beat Y. Segalen, 6-2, 6-2.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

Open Singles.

Ng Sze Kwong v. W. T. Lee.
L. Goldman v. G. Lai.
E. C. Fincher v. Ng Sze Cheung.

Club Championship.

R. H. Wild v. H. J. Armstrong.
Handicap Singles "A."
Bowker v. Segalen.
Handicap Singles "B."
Clarabutt v. Judd.
Handicap Doubles.
Petch and Lewis v. Wade and Rigg.

SHANGHAI CHAMPIONS.

"A" SWEEP SOLD OUT.

The "A" Sweep of the Shanghai Champions for the Spring Meeting found no many buyers that it was all sold out yesterday. A cable from Shanghai to this effect was received in the Colony yesterday. The first prize is worth two and a quarter lakhs.

GOLF.

FANLING BOGEY POOL.

Bogey Pool played at Fanling on March 21 and 22, L. G. S. Dodwell (9) & up wins.
Other scores were:—
W. S. Hillier (14), 1 up.
J. L. Shellhear (9), all square.
A. Leach (10), all square.
There were 49 entries.

Captain's Cup at Kowloon.

The final of the Captain's Cup was decided on Sunday when A. Eastman and P. W. J. Planner contested for the honour over thirty-six holes, Planner receiving 4 strokes from his opponent.

At the end of the morning round the match stood all square, Eastman's score being 78 while Planner returned an 80. In the afternoon, Eastman started well by winning the first four holes and eventually went on to win the match by 4 and 2. Planner who has been playing good golf lately, failed to rise to the occasion and was compelled to lift up once or twice during the last round.

LOCAL RUGGER.

ARMY BEAT NAVY IN CLOSE GAME.

The first of the series of rugger matches in the triangular tournament between the Royal Navy, the Army and the Hong Kong Football Club (Rugby Section) was played at Soekunpoo yesterday when the two Services teams met in a fast and exciting game. This was the first time that a "big" match was played on any ground other than the Club ground, and taking everything into consideration, it proved quite a success.

Ground conditions were very good, the groundman having been very liberal with the hose while the rain, over the week-end helped considerably, but one would have liked to see more people in the stands.

The Army started off in very convincing fashion and their forwards settled down to some neat passing soon after the game started. The Navy were not playing well together to begin with and they let the soldiers through to score nine points before the half-time whistle went.

In the second half the sailors got into their stride, and, playing a much improved game, delighted their supporters by going through to pile on eleven points. The soldiers, however, were equal to the occasion and scored a try to bring their total up to twelve, thus winning by one point.

The teams were:—
Navy.—Lt. Woods (Medway), Lt. Glass (Medway), Mid. Drought (Cumberland), Lt. Fawkes and Lt. David (Medway), Sub-Lt. Francois (Marazion), Mid. Roberts (Suffolk), Lt. Robertson (Suffolk) (Captain), Surg.-Lt. Brosnan (Cumberland), Surg.-Lt. Nicolson (Medway), Lt. Cdr. Andrew and E. A. Wilkinson (Medway), A. B. Donkin (Peterhead), F. O. Beamish (Hermes), and Pay-Lt. Kennett (Cumberland).
Army.—Pte. Frankham (S.W.B.), Lt. Barlow, Lt. Gaffetley (Captain), Hamilton and Douglas (S.W.B.), L/Cpl. Costello, L/Cpl. Rees (S.W.B.), L/Cpl. Trant, L/Cpl. Sgt. Vowles, Pte. Gilmore (S.W.B.), Lt. Barrett (R.A.), Lt. Crews-Read (S.W.B.), Lt. Johnson and Lt. Castle (3/9 Jnts).

REVOLVER SHOOTING.

POLICE BEAT THE SUFFOLK.

At the Bowen Road Revolver Range yesterday, the Police Revolver Club fired a friendly match with H.M.S. Suffolk, and after a very keenly contested match, the Police won by 711 points to 635. The Police were firing with 38 short Service revolvers while the Navy used 45 Service revolvers.

	Police	Suffolk
I. Booker	103	
S.I. Carpenter	92	
S.I. Carey	78	
P.S. Ritchie	81	
L.S. Mackay	96	
L.S. Russell	91	
L.S. Scott	91	
L.E. Orruthers	79	
Total	711	

Suffolk.

Ellender	61
Knowles	57
Adams	70
Sanderson	97
Richards	87
Mann	104
Ayres	53
Fleet	104
Total	635

CHINA MERCHANTS' S.N. CO.

DETAILS OF NEW PENSION SCHEME.

PROTEST BEING LODGED.

Further details with reference to the decision of the Reorganization Commission of the China Merchants S. N. Co. to revise the company's pension and compensation regulations insofar as foreign employees are concerned are now available, notices having been sent to the foreign officers and engineers employed by the company.

According to these, no special regulations regarding the treatment of all ranks of the staff were enforced by the company when it was under the control of the merchants. Although certain measures for the benefit of staff members who withdrew from the service of the company since it was transformed into a Government institution in February 1928, no special privileges were accorded to men who had seen long service in the company and it was deemed necessary to introduce reasonable treatment for all loyal members of the staff.

Alleged Unequal Treatment.

With regard to foreign members of the staff, former directors of the company (and other foreign and Chinese shipping companies), in 1921, were compelled by difficult circumstances to accept demands presented by their Guilds and to grant retiring and provident funds. The chief aim was to stem the torrent of competition of foreign seamen from abroad, for the World War had only then ended. After some years, this point was no longer considered necessary, so a revised scale was introduced by the Indo-China and China Navigation Companies.

Later, Mr. T. C. Chao, the late general manager considered that it was improper for the company to grant "unequal" treatment to foreign and Chinese members of the staff and he discontinued the arrangement.

In 1928, a new regulation governing the treatment of the floating staff was brought into force by Mr. Chao but no rules concerning retiring or provident funds were stipulated therein. Moreover, about 40 or 50 foreign employees withdrew from the company during Mr. Chao's tenure of office of 21 years, but no funds were granted. In consequence, it was right to say that the "unequal" treatment was then actually terminated. A claim for a retiring allowance was

brought by Mr. Kolesnik, chief engineer of the str. Kiangnan, in court but, after the case had lasted for more than a year, Mr. Kolesnik's hopes were shattered, which shows that the old rules had been stopped. An examination of the office records showed that no complaints on the subject had been received from the foreign staff for several years and this showed that the abolition of the old rules had been recognized by them.

Encouraging Faithfulness.

The notices, which were signed by Mr. Li Chung-kung, the present general manager, say that that gentleman always had a wish to benefit the foreign and Chinese staff. On account of their loyalty and the cheery manner in which the foreign staff had worked, a special pension scheme had been drawn up to remedy Mr. Chao's omission and to encourage the utmost faithfulness among the staff in the company's service.

From February 11, therefore, the notice concludes, all members of the foreign floating staff who leave the company's service on account of old age or causes other than inefficiency or misconduct, will receive certain sums as allowances. Former members of the staff who have died and/or withdrawn from the service of the company (excepting those who have been discharged) may also submit petitions for allowances.

The terms of the allowances, which are based on the scale of pay received by the employee at the time of his withdrawal from the company, are as follows:—

Six months' pay for those who have been in the service for 30 years or more; five months' salary for those who have served between 25 and 30 years; four months' salary for those who have been in the company's service between 20 and 25 years; three months' salary for those with between 15 and 20 years service; two months' salary for those who serve between ten and 15 years; and a month's salary for those whose service is between five and ten years. "Salaries" mentioned shall be paid at the rate of the salary received by foreign employees at the time of their retirement.

In the event of foreign employees dying during the period of their service, the company will pay to their families, apart from the retirement pension, a compassionate grant of not more than \$1,000.

Further provision is made that should any rank of employee be

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invalided whilst in the performance of his duties, retirement pension and medical expenses and compassionate allowances will be paid by the company.

Protests to be Lodged.

No allowances, apart from salary, will be paid to employees awaiting transfer but bona fide expenses incurred will be refunded to employees transferred to ships in ports or on company's business. Employees discharged for neglect of orders or disobedience will not be granted any of the foregoing privileges.

It is understood that protests are being lodged with H. M. Consul-General by the China Coast Officers Guild and the Marine Engineers Guild of China against the repudiation of the terms on which foreign ranks employed by the company were engaged.

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TALKING FILMS IN SCHOOLS.

NEW BRITISH EDUCATIONAL EXPERIMENT.

PICTURES TO BE SENT ON TOUR.

London, Feb. 12.—The first carefully planned attempt to determine the value of the use of talking pictures as part of the educational system of Great Britain, which was inaugurated this week, "The Middlesex Experiment," is being conducted by a committee consisting of representatives of the Middlesex education authorities and the National Union of Teachers. Fifteen schools in all have been selected for the experiment, which is not expected to be concluded before the middle of May, and the pupils will vary in age from eight to fourteen.

Sixteen films of an educational nature have been selected and divided into four groups, and each group of films will be shown once at each school at four different times. Among the subjects to be shown will be "Cyrus" (Travel), "A Visit to the Coal Face" (Industrial), "The Frog" (Natural History), and Mr. Haeckel's "West Wind" (Poetry).

Influence on Backward Children. Very careful preparations have been made by the committee to obtain accurate and extensive data, both from teachers and pupils, as to the results and value of the experiment, from which it is hoped that it will be possible to forecast the place that sound films will occupy in the educational field in the future, and the value of this new method of imparting knowledge as compared with the broadcasting and silent films already in use.

Pupils will answer questions and write essays to test their reactions to the films, and teachers will submit to the committee their views, not only as to the success or failure of the present experiment, but also as to the best manner in which talking pictures may be used in connection with existing educational methods. A particular effort will be made to determine whether or not the use of talking pictures will facilitate the progress of children now classified as dull or backward.

JUDGE AND LADY MARY MONTAGU.

"DISGRACEFUL HOW SHOPS ARE TREATED."

Lady Mary Montagu, of Ebury street, S.W., was criticised by Judge Sir Alfred Tobin in Westminster County Court. Last month the judge fined her £10 for non-appearance after receiving conduct money, and a debt of £25 due to Ulick Ltd., costumiers, New Burlington street, was ordered to be paid in 210 instalments. Subsequently Lady Mary's counsel said she sent a cheque on the night before the summons was heard, and the judge ordered the parties to appear to explain why the case went on.

Mr. Wright (for Lady Mary) said she made no criticism of the solicitors. His purpose was to make it clear that no disrespect to the court had been intended by his client.

Diagnosed, Says Judge. Judge Tobin: She did not answer letters; she did not answer telegrams; she did not keep her promise. She then sent a cheque to the wrong person, which arrives about half an hour before the case comes into court. I understand she is a person of some means?

Counsel: Yes. Judge Tobin: It seems all the more disgraceful. Poverty is one thing, but she is a lady of means. Why didn't she turn up last Friday? I don't like people who hide behind the gown of a barrister.

Mr. Wright: I hope I have made it clear that court.

Judge Tobin: I don't think a moment that she intended any disrespect to this court.

"A Piteous Whine." After counsel had consulted together respecting costs the judge said: "Messrs. Ulick and their solicitors were absolutely blameless. They had behaved perfectly. He added:

"It was obvious that Lady Mary Montagu's promises could not be trusted. The whole trouble has been brought about by her. It is perfectly disgraceful the way some people treat shops. Again and again, it is admitted, she had gone on, never answering any of the letters, and at the last gasp, to save herself from imprisonment, she sends a cheque to the wrong person, namely, to the lay clients' solicitors. Then comes a piteous whine that she had not meant to be guilty of contempt of court."

I believe that, and for that reason I remit the fine, but there will be some expense over this matter. She has agreed to pay the nominal costs of the plaintiffs' solicitors who have had the trouble of coming here.

ARRIVALS.

March 22.

Aller, German str., 4,740 tons, Capt. M. Hushagen, from Shanghai, buoy No. A.M.—Melchers & Co.

An Lee, Chinese str., 892 tons, Capt. S. Kato, from Canton, Kowloon Dock—Yee Tai Hong.

Dorry, Chinese str., 1,033 tons, Capt. J. Bruhu, from Hoihow, Kowloon Bay—Chau Yue Teng.

Hirundo, Norwegian str., 1,125 tons, Capt. J. A. Pedersen, from Swatow, buoy No. C1—Thoresen & Co.

Kiangsu, British str., 1,531 tons, Capt. R. Richard, from Swatow, buoy No. B14—B. & S.

Palumbang, Dutch str., 1,029 tons, Capt. F. A. Wildschut, from Balikpapan, A.P.C. Wharf—A.P.C.

Prominent, Norwegian str., 1,377 tons, Capt. H. Jensen, from Hoihow, buoy No. C4—K. Larsen & Co.

Solviken, Norwegian str., 1,435 tons, Capt. N. Norvald, from Saigon, buoy No. C3—Wullem & Co.

Wing Wo, Portuguese str., 495 tons, Capt. I. D. de Lemos, from C. Wan, Saigon Wharf—W. Ho & Co.

March 23.

Canton, French str., 976 tons, Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, buoy No. C5—M. M.

Cheungching, British str., 1,293 tons, Capt. D. G. Burleigh, from Canton, buoy No. B22—J. M. & Co.

Columbus, German str., 15,089 tons, Capt. Ahrens, from Manila, buoy No. A1—Melchers & Co.

Feng Lee, Chinese str., 1,350 tons, Capt. Yangui, from Swatow, buoy No. B10—Yee Tai Hong.

Huangyang, British str., 1,397 tons, Capt. C. Harris Walker, from Canton, Taikoo Dock—B. & S.

Huang, British str., 3,293 tons, Capt. R. J. J. Sneddon, from Amoy, buoy No. B2—J. M. & Co.

Indus Maru, Japanese str., 2,697 tons, Capt. K. Kuroyanagi, from Sourabaya, buoy No. B21—O.S.K.

Kingyuan, British str., 1,516 tons, Capt. J. D. Whyte, from Hoihow, buoy No. B8—B. & S.

Liungchow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. John Taylor, from Canton, buoy No. B3—B. & S.

Noborikawa Maru, Japanese str., 1,300 tons, Capt. Kitashima, from Hakodate, Yaumati Anchorage—M.B.K.

Pres. Jackson, American str., 5,377 tons, Capt. John Griffith, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf—Dollar S.S. Line.

Seattle Maru, Japanese str., 3,622 tons, Capt. T. Urayama, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf—O.S.K.

Somali, British str., 3,550 tons, Capt. T. H. Kemp, from Shanghai, buoy No. A6—M. M. & Co.

Tai Lee, Chinese str., 1,044 tons, Capt. Z. Masaki, from Canton, buoy No. B18—Loong Tai Hong.

Taiyuan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. R. Robertson, from Amoy, buoy No. B15—B. & S.

Tulma, British str., 10,000 tons, Capt. J. J. Harley, from Calcutta, Kowloon Wharf—M. M. & Co.

Taybank, British m.v., 3,437 tons, Capt. J. Stewart, from Sun Francisco, via Manila, Kowloon Wharf—Bank Line.

Touraine, Norwegian str., 3,591 tons, Capt. Brant, from Manila, buoy No. A5—Thoresen & Co.

EXPLORER SHORT OF FUNDS.

REAR-ADMIRAL BYRD AND PUBLISHER'S PROMISE.

Baltimore, Mar. 16.—It was revealed here to-day that Mr. Van Lear Black, the multi-millionaire publisher of the Baltimore Sun, prior to his death several months ago, promised to contribute Gold \$25,000 to help to defray the expenses of Rear-Admiral Richard E. Byrd's expedition to the Antarctic. Because Mr. Black's death, occurring suddenly when he fell from his yacht off the coast of New Jersey, made it impossible to keep his promise, Admiral Byrd is faced with a deficit of the amount promised by the late publisher.

Requests have been made through attorneys that Mr. Harry Black, the brother and executor of the late publisher, contribute the promised Gold \$25,000 to the treasury of the Byrd expedition. Indications are that the sum which Mr. Black promised to Admiral Byrd will be paid from the estate.

It was also revealed to-day that prior to Admiral Byrd's spectacular dash to the South Pole and back to Little America on the Bay of Whales, Mr. Black arranged to pay Gold \$25,000 to Mrs. Byrd in event that the explorer failed to return.

ADVERTISED SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG.

ALEXANDRIA.

Pres. Polk, Dollar, April 5.

Pres. Adams, Dollar, April 10.

AMOI.

Taiyuan, B. & S., March 25.

Talma, B.T., Maru, 25.

Antung, B. & S., March 27.

Hainan, Douglas, March 27.

Yuenang, Jardine's, March 31.

Hainan, Douglas, March 31.

Tainan, B. & S., April 1.

Tinegara, J.C.J.L., April 2.

Takada, B.I., April 11.

Kunming, Jardine's, April 17.

Sirdhana, B.I., April 24.

Suiang, Jardine's, April 25.

ANTWERP.

Somali, P. & O., March 24.

Annam, Manners, April 3.

Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., April 4.

Karmala, P. & O., April 11.

Selandia, Manners, April 16.

Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., April 18.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., March 29.

St. Albans, E. & A., April 1.

Changto, B. & S., April 21.

SALTIC PORTS.

Annam, Manners, April 3.

Selandia, Manners, April 16.

BALTIMORE.

Taybank, Bank, April 7.

BANGKOK.

Chinhua, B. & S., March 24.

Kiangsu, B. & S., March 29.

BARCELONA.

Kulmerland, Jenson, April 26.

BELAWAN-DELL.

Van Heutz, J.C.J.L., March 26.

SOMEAY.

Gange, Dodwell's, March 25.

Genoa Maru, N.Y.K., March 27.

Tokushima Maru, N.Y.K., March 30.

Mirapore, P. & O., April 8.

Hilda, Dodwell's, April 12.

Pilana, Dodwell's, April 19.

SOSTON.

Javanese Prince, Furness, March 26.

Toba Maru, N.Y.K., March 31.

Pres. Polk, Dollar, April 5.

Taybank, Bank, April 7.

Japanese Prince, Furness, April 9.

Pres. Adams, Dollar, April 19.

Chinese Prince, Furness, April 21.

SREMEH.

Coblenz, Melchers, April 4.

Franken, Melchers, April 23.

BRINDISI.

Gange, Dodwell's, March 25.

Hilda, Dodwell's, April 12.

Pilana, Dodwell's, April 19.

CALCUTTA.

Tjawa, B.I., March 26.

Hosang, Jardine's, March 26.

Morioka Maru, N.Y.K., March 28.

Santia, B.I., April 1.

Kutsang, Jardine's, April 7.

Malacca Maru, N.Y.K., April 8.

Talma, B.I., April 11.

Yuenang, Jardine's, April 20.

CASABLANCA.

Autolycus, B.F., March 31.

CHEFOO.

Kueichow, B. & S., March 27.

Huichow, B. & S., April 3.

COLOMBO.

Somali, P. & O., March 24.

Gange, Dodwell's, March 25.

Genoa Maru, N.Y.K., March 27.

Rawalpindi, P. & O., March 28.

Tokushima Maru, N.Y.K., March 30.

D'ARTAGNAN, M.M., March 31.

Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., April 4.

Pres. Polk, Dollar, April 5.

Carnarvonshire, Jardine's, April 6.

Mirapore, P. & O., April 8.

Hilda, Dodwell's, April 12.

Angers, M.M., April 14.

Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., April 18.

Pilana, Dodwell's, April 19.

Pres. Adams, Dollar, April 19.

Glenluce, Jardine's, April 27.

Felix Roussel, M.M., April 23.

COPENHAGEN.

Annam, Manners, April 3.

Selandia, Manners, April 16.

DALNY.

Aeneas, B.F., April 7.

DUTCH PORTS.

Somali, P. & O., March 24.

Oregon Star, Dodwell's, March 27.

Autolycus, B.F., March 31.

Kulmerland, Jenson, April 2.

Annam, Manners, April 3.

Coblenz, Melchers, April 4.

Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., April 4.

Formosa, Gilman's, April 6.

Carnarvonshire, Jardine's, April 6.

Karmala, P. & O., April 11.

Hector, B.F., April 15.

City of Khios, Bank, April 16.

Selandia, Manners, April 16.

Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., April 18.

Franken, Melchers, April 23.

Burgeland, Jenson, April 26.

Glenluce, Jardine's, April 27.

FOOCHOW.

Haiching, Douglas, March 27.

Chipahing, Jardine's, March 29.

Haiching, Douglas, March 31.

Huichow, B. & S., April 3.

Chongching, Jardine's, April 12.

GENOA.

Gange, Dodwell's, March 25.

Kulmerland, Jenson, April 2.

Coblenz, Melchers, April 4.

Pres. Polk, Dollar, April 5.

Formosa, Gilman's, April 6.

Hilda, Dodwell's, April 12.

Lima Maru, N.Y.K., April 13.

Oldenburg, Jenson, April 14.

Pilana, Dodwell's, April 19.

Pres. Adams, Dollar, April 19.

Teiresias, B.F., April 20.

Burgeland, Jenson, April 26.

GLASGOW.

Autolycus, B.F., March 31.

Oldenburg, Jenson, April 14.

Teiresias, B.F., April 20.

GOTHENBURG.

Formosa, Gilman's, April 6.

HAIPHONG AND KOHHOW.

Chinhua, B. & S., March 24.

Kiangsu, B. & S., March 29.

Kingyuan, B. & S., April 11.

HAMBURG.

Somali, P. & O., March 24.

Oregon Star, Dodwell's, March 27.

Autolycus, B.F., March 31.

Kulmerland, Jenson, April 2.

Annam, Manners, April 3.

Coblenz, Melchers, April 4.

Formosa, Gilman's, April 6.

Carnarvonshire, Jardine's, April 6.

Oldenburg, Jenson, April 14.

City of Khios, Bank, April 16.

Selandia, Manners, April 16.

Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., April 18.

Franken, Melchers, April 23.

Burgeland, Jenson, April 26.

Glenluce, Jardine's, April 27.

HONGKONG.

Haiching, Douglas, March 27.

Chipahing, Jardine's, March 29.

Haiching, Douglas, March 31.

Huichow, B. & S., April 3.

Chongching, Jardine's, April 12.

MANILA.

Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., March 24.

Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., March 28.

Pres. Taft, Dollar, March 28.

Tjikembang, J.C.J.L., March 31.

St. Albans, E. & A., April 1.

Coblenz, Asia, C.P.S., April 2.

Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., April 2.

Pres. McKinley, A.M.L., April 7.

Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., April 11.

Tinegara, J.C.J.L., April 14.

Changto, B. & S., April 21.

MARSEILLES.

Somali, P. & O., March 24.

Rawalpindi, P. & O., March 28.

Autolycus, B.F., March 31.

D'Artagnan, M.M., March 31.

Annam, Manners, April 3.

Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., April 4.

Karmala, P. & O., April 11.

Lima Maru, N.Y.K., April 13.

Angers, M.M., April 14.

Hector, B.F., April 15.

Selandia, Manners, April 16.

Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., April 18.

Franken, Melchers, April 23.

Rajputana, P. & O., April 25.

Felix Roussel, M.M., April 23.

NEW YORK, BOSTON, etc.

Javanese Prince, Furness, March 26.

Pres. Polk, Dollar, April 5.

Japanese Prince, Furness, April 9.

Pres. Adams, Dollar, April 19.

Chinese Prince, Furness, April 21.

NORTH CHINA PORTS.

Chinhua, B. & S., March 24.

Kiangsu, B. & S., March 29.

Kingyuan, B. & S., April 11.

PAKHOL.

Kiungchow, B. & S., March 27.

Kingyuan, B. & S., April 11.

PANAMA.

Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., March 31.

Toba Maru, N.Y.K., March 31.

Pres. McKinley, A.M.L., April 14.

Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., April 22.

Pres. Grant, A.M.L., April 23.

PENANG.

Somali, P. & O., March 24.

Tjawa, B.I., March 26.

Hosang, Jardine's, March 26.

Van Heutz, J.C.J.L., March 26.

Genoa Maru, N.Y.K., March 27.

Oregon Star, Dodwell's, March 27.

Morioka Maru, N.Y.K., March 28.

Rawalpindi, P. & O., March 28.

Tokushima Maru, N.Y.K., March 30.

Nellore, E. & A., April 1.

Pembroke, Jardine's, April 6.

Pilana, Dodwell's, April 7.

Santia, B.I., April 11.

Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., April 10.

Agamemnon, B.F., April 12.

General Motzinger, M.M., April 13.

Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., April 14.

Vogland, Jenson, April 16.

Burdwan, P. & O., April 17.

Kunming, Jardine's, April 17.

Trave, Melchers, April 17.

Heian Maru, N.Y.K., April 21.

Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., April 22.

Comorin, P. & O., April 24.

Glenluce, Jardine's, April 24.

Sirdhana, B.I., April 24.

Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., April 25.

Suisang, Jardine's, April 25.

Duisburg, Jenson, April 26.

Sphinx, M.M., April 27.

RABAT.

St. Albans, E. & A., April 1.

RANGOON.

Morioka Maru, N.Y.K., March 28.

Malacca Maru, N.Y.K., April 8.

SAIGON.

D'Artagnan, M.M., March 31.

Angers, M.M., April 14.

Felix Roussel, M.M., April 23.

SANDAKAN.

Manung, Jardine's, April 6.

Hinsang, Jardine's, April 11.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Pres. Pierce, Dollar, March 24.

Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., March 31.

Assam Maru, N.Y.K., April 1.

Pres. McKinley, A.M.L., April 14.

Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., April 14.

Pres. Grant, A.M.L., April 23.

SCANDINAVIAN PORTS.

Annam, Manners, April 3.

Formosa, Gilman's, April 6.

Selandia, Manners, April 16.

SEATTLE.

Hiyo Maru, N.Y.K., March 28.

Pres. Taft, Dollar, April 5.

Pres. McKinley, A.M.L., April 19.

Hiyan Maru, N.Y.K., April 21.

SHANGHAI.

Anchies, B.F., March 24.

Sinkiang, B. & S., March 25.

Taiyuan, B. & S., March 29.

Hiyo Maru, N.Y.K., March 28.

Kingyuan, B. & S., March 27.

Rajputana, P. & O., March 27.

Calchas, B.F., March 29.

LOS ANGELES.

Pres. Pierce, Dollar, March 24.

Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., March 31.

Assam Maru, N.Y.K., April 1.

Pres. McKinley, A.M.L., April 14.

Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., April 22.

Pres. Grant, A.M.L., April 23.

EXPECTED ARRIVALS AND MOVEMENTS.

Aeneas due from Europe April 6.

Agamemnon due from Europe April 12.

Anchies due from Straits March 24.

Anama Maru due from Japan March 27.

Atsuta Maru due from Japan March 28.

Autolycus due from Northern ports March 31.

Beneuch due from Europe March 24.

Benverlich due from Singapore March 24.

Burgeland due from Europe March 29.

Calchas due from Europe March 28.

Carnarvonshire due from Japan March 29.

Changto due from Australia April 14.

City of Athens due from Europe March 25.

City of Cardiff due from New York April 6.

Coblenz due from North China ports April 4.

Duisburg due from Europe April 26.

Emp. of Asia due from Japan April 2.

Emp. of Canada due from Victoria April 18.

Emp. of Japan due from Manila March 29.

Emp. of Russia due from Kobe March 24.

Fulda due from Europe April 6.

Fushimi Maru due from Japan April 3.

Gange due from Shanghai March 25.

Glenluce due from Europe April 24.

Hakusan Maru due from Straits April 3.

Hiyo Maru arrived from Shanghai March 16.

Ixion in Taikoo Dock.

Kalyan due from Europe April 9.

Kulmerland due from Japan April 2.

Nellore due from Australia April 4.

Oldenburg due from Japan April 14.

Pembroke due from Europe April 6.

Phonius due from New York April 7.

Pres. Jackson arrived from Shanghai March 23.

Pres. McKinley due from Japan April 8.

Pres. Pierce arrived from Manila March 22.

Pres. Polk due from Japan April 4.

Pres. Taft due from Shanghai March 27.

Rajputana due from Singapore March 20.

Rawalpindi due from Japan March 27.

Somali arrived from Shanghai March 23.

Takada due from Calcutta April 6.

Tulma arrived from Singapore March 23.

Tilwa arrived from Amoy March 23.

Tjalsak due from Manila March 23.

Trave due from Europe April 17.

Van Heutz due from Swatow March 25.

Vogland due from Europe April 15.

Hong Kong Observatory, March 23.

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S.S. "OLDENBURG"	(1) Genoa, Rotterdam & Hamburg	14 Apr.
M.V. "BURGENLAND"	(1) Genoa, Barcelona, Rotterdam & Hamburg	26 Apr.
M.V. "VOGTLAND"	(1) Genoa, Marseilles, Rotterdam & Hamburg	10 May

Other Ports of Call if Inducement offers

ARRIVALS FROM EUROPE

M.V. "BURGENLAND"	(1)	29 Mar.
M.V. "VOGTLAND"	(1)	15 Apr.
M.V. "DUISBURG"	(1)	26 Apr.
M.V. "HAYELLAND"	(2)	9 May

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MONDAY. MARCH 23.				
Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	
				Banks
		\$2,000		H.K. Banks
			£112	Do. (London)
			£118	Chartered Banks
			£244	Mercantile Bks. "A"
			£122	Do.
				Bank of East Asia
\$117				
				Insurance
\$1,380				Canton Insurance
\$3.60	\$3.70			Underwriters
				Norfolk Insurance
\$615	\$625			Union Insurance
				Yangtze Insurance
\$535				China Fire
\$1,350				H.K. Fire
				Shipping
			\$25	Douglas
			\$36	Steamboats
			\$40	Indos (pref.)
			\$30	Do. (def.)
			\$37.6	Shell Transport
			\$37	Water-boat, cum. r.
				Mining
\$10				Benquet
\$3.80				Ventura Gold Fld.
			35/	Kailans
				Langkate (comb.)
			T.91	Do. (single)
T.310				Explorations
			T.51	Shanghai Loans
\$38				Raub
				Tronks Mines
				Docks, Wharves,
				Godowns, etc.
			\$161	H.K. & K. Wharves
\$5.05				Providents (old)
				Do. (new)
			\$2.40	H.K. Docks
			\$10	South China Motor
T.110				Shanghai Docks
T.64				New Engineering
T.274				Hongkew
				Lands, Hotels, and
				Buildings
\$131		\$13.30		H.K. & S. Hotels
\$48	\$48	\$48/88		H.K. Hotels
			T.400	Shanghai Lands
\$91		\$9.70		H.K. Realty
			\$16.70	Humphreys, cum. r.
		\$3		Do. right
\$87				Chinese Estates
				Cotton Mills
T.141				Ecos
T.90				Shai Cotton
			T.12	Zong Sing
				Public Utilities
\$17.70		17.70/60		Tramways
			\$14	Park Trams (old)
			\$61	Do. (new)
			\$98	Star Electric
\$34	\$34.30			China Lights
\$772	\$781	\$78		H.K. Electric
			\$23	Macao do
			\$12	Sandakan Lights
\$40				Telephones (fully pd.)
\$31	\$33 1/2			Do. (part pd.)
			T.13	China Bus
			6/8	Tructions
			19/-	Do. (pref.)
				Industrials
			T.122	Caldbeck
			T.114	Macgregor (ord.)
			\$3.30	Canton Loe
\$161		\$16.40		Cements (comb.)
\$112				Do. (old)
			\$5.15	Do. (new)
\$13.80			\$5.50	Ropes
\$40				China Sugars
				Malison Sugars
				Miscellaneous
			\$241	Dairy Farms (old)
				Do. (new)
			\$1	Der A. Wings
			\$20	Amusement, r. rights
			\$17 1/2	Do. (new)
			\$10.40	Chin. Entertainment
			\$4.40	Lane Crawford
			\$30	Macintosh
			\$102	Nanyang Tobacco
			\$12.60	Sinco
			\$2.85	Watsons
				Wm. Powell
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LOCAL AND REGULAR OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	WEEK DAYS.		SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS.	
	FROM G.P.O.	FROM SHUNGWAN BRANCH P.O.	FROM G.P.O.	FROM SHUNGWAN BRANCH P.O.
Canton	7.15 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.	7.30 a.m. & 7.00 p.m.	7.15 a.m. & 6.00 p.m. Sundays 6 p.m. only	7.45 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Sundays 7.45 a.m. only
Macao & Taishan	7.15 a.m. & 1.15 p.m.	7.30 a.m. & 1.30 p.m.	7.15 a.m. & 1.15 p.m. Sundays 8.15 a.m. only	7.45 a.m. & 1.45 p.m. Sundays 8.15 a.m. only
Kongmoon (except Saturdays)	5.00 p.m.	5.00 p.m.	5.00 p.m.	5.00 p.m.
Kaukrong (except Saturdays)		5.00 p.m.		5.00 p.m.
Fatahan (By Train)	7.15 a.m. & 9.00 a.m.		7.15 a.m. & 9.00 a.m.	
Tai O	9.00 a.m. & 8.00 p.m.		9.00 a.m. & 8.00 p.m.	
Tai Po	9.00 a.m. & 8.00 p.m.		11.0 a.m.	
Shunshan	8.00 p.m. & 12.30 p.m. & 4.30 p.m. Saturdays		11.00 a.m. & 4.30 p.m.	
Cheungchow	1.00 p.m. & 4.30 p.m. & 8.30 a.m. & 1.00 p.m.			
Aberdeen	8.30 a.m. & 1.00 p.m.		8.30 a.m. & 1.00 p.m.	
Antan, Pingshan, Santin, Shatin, Shatanok and Shengau	3.00 p.m.		10.30 a.m.	
Saikong	4.30 p.m.		4.30 p.m.	
Wanlan, Shekhi & Taiiping (Ferry)		7.00 p.m.		

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INWARD MAILS.

FROM	PER	DATE
LONDON Parcels only (London, 18th Feb.)		
and Straits	Archives	24th Mar.
SHANGHAI AND SWATOW	Noochow	25th Mar.
SHANGHAI and KUEIKOW via KIDDERIA		
(London, 7th Mar.)	Gongo	26th Mar.
AMOI and SWATOW	Van Heule	25th Mar.
JAPAN	Asaka Maru	26th Mar.
JAVA and MANILLA	Tyosul	25th Mar.
EUROPE via SUEZ (Letters and Papers,		
London 26th Feb. and Parcels, 19th	Rajputana	26th Mar.
February)		
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN and SHANG-		
HAI (San Francisco, 5th Mar)	Asaka Maru	27th Mar.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN and SHANGHAI		
(Seattle, 7th Mar.)	Pres. Taft	27th Mar.
MANILA	Emp. of Japan	29th Mar.
CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN and SHANGHAI		
(Vancouver, B.C. 14th Mar.)	Empress of Austral.	2nd April
STRAITS	Hudson Maru	3rd April
JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Fushimi Maru	3rd April
AUSTRALIA and MANILA	Nellors	4th April
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN and SHANG-		
HAI (San Francisco, 6th Mar.)	Pres. Polk	4th April
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN and SHANG-		
HAI (San Francisco, 13th March)	Pres. McKinley	6th April

OUTWARD MAILS.

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FOR	PER	DATE AND TIME
Shanghai	Taybank	Tuesday, 21st 8.30
Straits, *Ceylon, *India *Mauritius, *East and *South Africa Egypt and *EUROPE via Marseilles—due Mar- seilles, 15th April	Somali	Kowloon P.O. Reg. 9.00 Letters 10.00 P.O. 9.45 Reg. 10.30 Letters 10.00
Hohow and Bangkok	Ohinwa	10.00
Batavia	Tisondari	10.00
Manila	Free Jackson	4.30
Amoy and Japan	Talma	5.00
Swatow	Kwongang	5.00
Swatow	Sinhiang	Wednesday, 1st 10.30
*Straits and *Calcutta	Tilawa	Parcels No
Haiphong	Yanlon	Letters- 1.00
Amoy	Taiyuan	2.30
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and *EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.— due Victoria, B.C., 18th April	Hiya Maru	Reg. 4.15 Let. 5.00
Shanghai and *EUROPE via Siberia	do.	Reg. 5.00 Let. 5.00
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa. Aden and Egypt	Gange	5.00
*Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Uchi Maru	Thursday, 2d 10.30
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 5th April	Atsuta Maru	Reg. 5.45 Letters 5.30
Straits	Van Heulen	10.30
Straits and Calcutta	Hoang	Parcels N Letters 1.00
Shanghai, Japan and *EUROPE via Siberia	Rajputana	Friday, 3d 8.30
Hohow, Fakhai and Haiphong	Kwongchow	10.00
Swatow, Amoy and Fookow	Hai Ching	10.30
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Mar- seilles 24th April	Dawalpindi	Kowloon P.O. Parcels 4.45 Reg. 23th 9.00 Letters 10.00 P.O. 9.45 Reg. 27th 5.00 Reg. 25th 9.00 Letters 10.00
Haiphong	G.G. Alb. Sarrau	Saturday, 4th 8.30
Amoy	Antung	8.30
Bangkok via Swatow	Kiangsu	Sunday, 5th 9.00
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Qanton Maru	9.00
Amoy	Yuenang	Monday, 6th 8.30
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 1st May	D'Arlagnan	Tuesday, 7th Kowloon Reg. 1.00 Letters 1.00 G.P. Reg. Letters 1.00
Swatow, Amoy and Fookow	Hai Ning	8.30
Straits, *Egypt and *EUROPE via Mar- seilles—due Marseilles, 1st May	Autolyons	8.30
Swatow	Foo Shing	8.30
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and *EUROPE via Van- couver, B.C.—due Vancouver, B.C., 17th April and *EUROPE via Siberia	Emp. of Japan	Parcels Reg. 1st Letters 1.00
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu and San Francisco—due San Francisco, 22nd April, and *EUROPE via Siberia	Asama Maru	Reg. 1.00 Let. 1.00
Manila	Empress of Asia	— AFRE Thursday
Shanghai, Japan and *EUROPE via Siberia	Hakusen Maru	Friday, Saturday, Kowloon Reg. 1.00 Letters 1.00 G.P. Reg. Letters
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and *EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 5th May	Fushimi Maru	— AFRE Friday Saturday, Kowloon Reg. 1.00 Letters 1.00 G.P. Reg. Letters

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AMOI & SHANGHAI	"TAIYUAN"	On 25th Mar.	5 p.m.
SWATOW, WHANGPOO, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEI CHOW"	On 27th Mar.	8 a.m.
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI	"KING YUAN"	On 27th Mar.	Noon
SWATOW, FAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"KING HOH"	On 27th Mar.	Noon
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANTUNG"	On 29th Mar.	6 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SOO CHOW"	On 29th Mar.	9 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KIANGSU"	On 29th Mar.	11 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SAROHUEN"	On 31st Mar.	9 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"TSINAN"	On 1st Apr.	5 p.m.
FOUCHOW, WHANGPOO, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 3rd Apr.	4 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SHANTUNG"	On 5th Apr.	9 a.m.
HONGKONG, FAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"KING YUAN"	On 11th Apr.	Noon

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M.S. "Java"	28th April	28th April
M.S. "Asia"	28th May	28th May

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	Inches	Fahrenheit	Direction	Force	Direction	Force	Direction	Force	Direction	Force	Direction	Force	Direction	Force	Direction	Force	Direction	Force
Wladivostok	29.78	75.6	NE	1
Nemuro	29.78	75.6	SSE	1
Hakodate	29.78	75.6	S	1
Tokio	29.78	75.6	SSE	1
Kobe	29.78	75.6	NW	1
Nagasaki	29.78	75.6	S	1
Kagoshima	29.78	75.6	ESE	1
Oshima	29.78	75.6	NNE	2
Naha	29.78	75.6	N	1
Ishigaki	29.78	75.6	N	1
Bonin Island	29.78	75.6	NE	4
Choshi	29.78	75.6	S	4
Shanghai	29.78	75.6	S	4
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Boho	29.78	75.6	S	4
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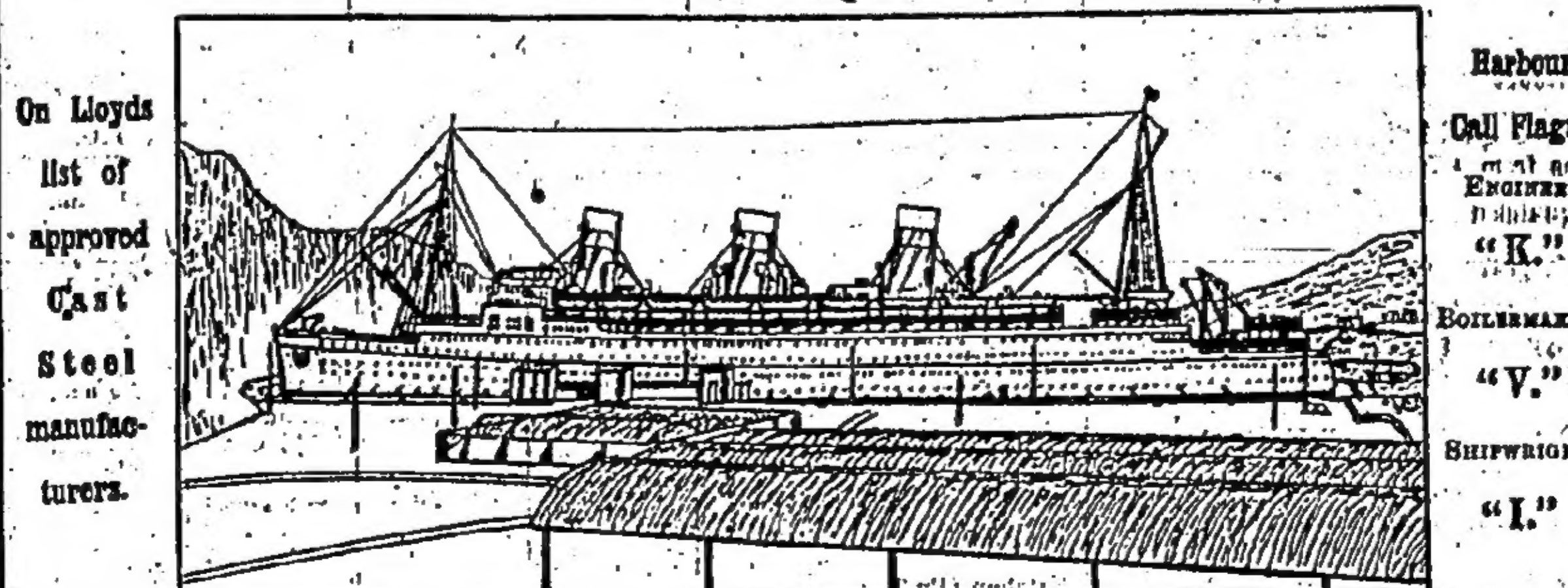
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FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON MARCH 24.
District Forecast:
1.—Formosa Channel: Light, variable winds, freshening from N.E.
2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamook: N. to N.E. winds, light to moderate; fine to cloudy.
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	"FOOSHING"	Wed., 1st Apr., at 7 a.m.
	"KWAISANG"	Sun., 5th Apr., at 7 a.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & OALOUTTA	"HOSANG"	Thurs., 26th Mar., at 3 p.m.
	"KUTSANG"	Tues., 7th Apr., at 3 p.m.
	"YUENSANG"	Mon., 20th Apr., at 8 p.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, SHAL & KOBE	"YUENSANG"	Tues., 31st Mar., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, SHAL, MOJI & KOBE	"KUMSANG"	Fri., 17th Apr., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, MOJI & KOBE	"SUISANG"	Satur., 25th Apr., at 7 a.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Wed., 8th Apr., at Noon
	"HINSANG"	Satur., 11th Apr., at Noon
TIENTSIN via SWATOW & FOOCHOW	"CHIPSANG"	Sun., 29th Mar., at 7 a.m.
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